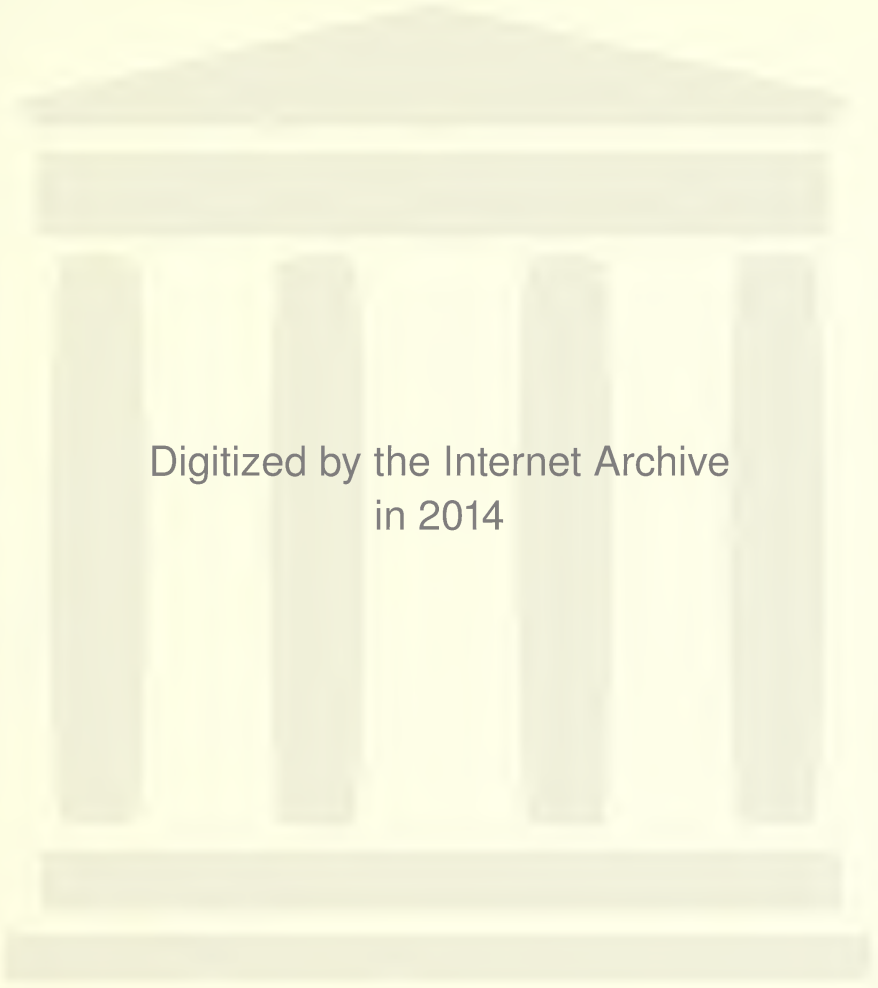


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THE 1999 YEARBOOK
OF
ANNUAL REPORTS
For the Year, 1998

Dedicated in Christain Love to the Memory of

Virginia Myrtle Ledbetter Matlock

Samuel R. Shomaker, Sr.

Al Carpenter

Jane Beth Smith Miller

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1999

Rev. Arch B. Aitcheson

Membership Statistics for 1998
Elon College Community Church of the United Church of Christ

Members listed as of December 31, 1997	329
Associate Members as of December 31, 1997	32
Members received during 1998	14
Associate Members received during 1998	2
Members transferred to other churches	1
Members deceased in 1998	4
Confirmed Membership as of December 31, 1998	340
Associate Members as of December 31, 1998	34

Baptisms
2
Elizabeth Ann Goodwin - October 25, 1998
Delaney Jayne Webb - November 1, 1998

Deaths
4
Virginia Myrtle Ledbetter Matlock - January 23, 1998
Samuel R. Shomaker, Sr. - February 25, 1998
James Albert Carpenter - December 14, 1998
Jane Beth Smith Miller - December 27, 1998

Weddings
William Lee Menikheim and Susan Elizabeth Dixon Thompson
July 26, 1998
Edward Lee Wood and Tina Diane Wright
December 22, 1998

Church Office Hours in 1998

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. M - F

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1998 MEMORIALS

Memorials have been received and acknowledged during 1998 for the following people:

Al Carpenter
N. R. Franks, SR.
Manion Goodwin
James F. Hayes
Robert Kimball
Eleanore Kittenger
Sheldon Lloyd
Myrtle Matlock
J. Hinton Rountree
Dorothy and James Ruth
Willie Seamster
Sam Shomaker
Mattie C. Walker

In Honor of: Sara and Robert Danieley
Verona and Earl Danieley

We extend our sympathy and our blessings to the families who have traveled the pathways of grief in 1998. We are thankful for the gifts which celebrate the lives of loved ones in the living mission of Christ's church.

Life continues in the memories of those who remain behind. Life continues in the sacred promise of the Savior who conquers death and carries us to the realm of God which has no death...no end.

Roberta Starr
Building Fund Secretary

The Church Staff

Rev. Arch Aitcheson,	Pastor
Dr. William J. Andes,	Pastor Emeritus
Ms. Rebecca Peeler,	Director of Christian Education
Ms. Darla J. Bray,	Choral Director
Mrs. Betty Dillashaw,	Accompanist
Ms. Tina D. Wright-Wood,	Office Manager
Delma & Carolyn Cummings	Custodians



"Living Christ in Today's World!"

Annual Report of the Pastor for the Year 1998

Rev. Arch Aitcheson

BEYOND WHAT IS . . .

January 21 will mark the sixth anniversary of our family move from Wayne, New Jersey to our home in Gibsonville. February 1 will mark the beginning of a seventh year of pastoral duties here at Elon College Community Church. It seems like all that happened yesterday.

Reflections of 1998 bring images of growth, challenge and questioning. Once again we have had a good year. New faces continue to come to us. New leaders continue to amaze us with their talents and abilities. We have said good-byes to people we have loved, celebrated the lives of those who have died, welcomed new members and honored those who have served us for fifty years. We have distributed exam bags to many friends on Elon College's campus, shared festivals with that community, and celebrated the transfer of power as one college president completed twenty-five years of faithful service and as a new president arrived to take us into a new century.

Giving has been faithful and has allowed us to continue to maintain a reputation for reaching beyond our local community with help to others.

A new adult class has been started and the others continue to provide support and learning environments for others. Children and youth are also taught and encouraged. The program to Carolina Cross Connection this year awakened youth and adults to the spiritual growth possibilities of ministry to others. We all shared in that joy and remain thankful for Becky Peeler's dedicated leadership.

We face the challenges of a changing world. The church of the twenty-first century is facing great changes as it tries to minister to a world in which Christianity is a minority. New ministries are on our minds. How will we support our ministries? What will need to change in our programs to meet the needs and changing lives of our communities? How will worship styles and traditions meet the needs of a world that does not understand or choose them for

themselves? These questions are on the minds of many of us in leadership as we begin to race through 1999.

It has been an honor to be your pastor this past year. So many are affirming of what happens here. Some are more critical. That creates balance and certainly keeps us all evaluating and growing. There is a wonderful caring spirit that dwells in the midst of this congregation. More and more people are extending Sunday morning friendships into the every day world. More of you are genuinely welcoming people by name. More of you in leadership are valuing the time of others and are showing up on time to teach, to conduct meetings, and to worship and learn. More of you have supported special events in 1998.

As a community you helped me realize a dream to gather the congregations of neighboring churches for more than a thanksgiving service in 1998. Our Lenten Worship series was one of the best attended community inter-faith experiences in Elon College in many years.

You have ministered to me many times . . . the persons who offer me a blessing at the door on Sunday morning, . . . those who let me know that they are praying for me, . . . those who have responded to a call for help, . . . and those who are ever faithful by their presence here . . . all make ministry here spiritually rewarding.

Questions for the last year of the century await us. A sabbatical for me will hopefully prepare me for ministry into the new century and will give me skills and nurture I need to serve you better. New leaders have accepted the challenge of guiding us as we go, and you are always invited to give of yourself in that process.

God has much for us to do at Elon College Community Church. Like Paul, I "stand on tiptoe waiting to see God's children come into their own" in this wonderful ministry.

May God bless us all in the year ahead as we move beyond what is to what yet can be..

Sincerely,

Rev. Arch Aitcheson
Pastor and Teacher

Director of Christian Education's Report
Becky Peeler

If I had to characterize the Christian Education program at Elon College Community Church for the year 1998 with one or two words, the words would be on an "even keel". For me, that means the Christian Education program moved along rather smoothly; but it was not complacent. In this report, I hope to tell you how the Christian Education program stayed on an "even keel" and what has excited me this year.

In the area of leadership, the program remained stable because there was adequate leadership; notice I said adequate, not overly abundant. At present, there are enough caring, willing, and dedicated persons to provide leadership in all the Sunday School classes. In other programs, like Vacation Bible School, leadership was recruited and the program continued with excitement and stability. Our youth program has continued because of willing parents and caring adults who are available to provide leadership for the activities and programs. The Christian Education Board has provided much help and leadership in all that they undertook this year such as, Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, search committee for Childcare Specialist, Advent event, Rally Day Picnic, Easter Egg Hunt, etc. They have provided much support for me throughout the year. Volunteers are very important when it comes to "doing" Christian Education. The programs do not continue very well without adequate leadership.

The area of programs has remained stable as well. Sunday School continues to provide opportunities for people to have fellowship, caring, and help in their faith journeys. The "Lunch Bunch" offers our widows a place for fellowship, and communication of caring words and deeds. Youth Fellowship has continued to meet bi-monthly and provides an opportunity for youth to have fun and be involved in service to the church and the community. A new Children's Fellowship is beginning to provide a stable program in the area of Children's Ministry. A new Childcare Specialist has been hired to provide stability and consistency for our youngest church members – probably the fastest growing area in our church.

Many of the Christian Education and program opportunities which are available to us have begun because someone requested it. The programs which have happened out of someone's vision have been the most exciting to me this year. I hope to continue looking for where the church needs to be involved in person's lives — where needs can be met educationally. I hope to feel the same excitement and interest as I felt in this year's Vacation Bible School when children insisted on knowing what 1999's theme would be. I hope to feel the same pride when those who use our Nursery facilities are impressed with the improvements we have made. I hope to see the same kind of commitment to Christ in the face of a youth that I saw this year at Carolina Cross Connection .

Professionally, I am a member of two professional Christian Education organizations. I serve as a member of the Commission of Church Life and Education for the Eastern NC Association. In Jan., I will serve as one of the facilitators for the Sr. High Retreat at BRAG for the Southern Conference. It is my hope that involvement in Conference, Association, and continuing education events, I can help to meet the needs of this church and continue with our present programming effectively.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT
ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
December 31, 1998

This past year has been one of transition for the Music Department. Liz Aitcheson resigned as Chancel Choir and Chancel Ringers' director effective June 21, the last Sunday of the choir's participation in Sunday worship until August. Chancel Choir rehearsals resumed in August with Rich Neubauer, organist, and Betty Dillashaw, choir accompanist, conducting rehearsals and music for Sunday worship services until Darla Bray, our new choir director, began conducting rehearsals October 28. Chancel Ringers' rehearsals resumed in September with Betty Dillashaw directing. Our team of three people worked together until November 15, when Rich Neubauer left his position as organist because of a job transfer to Florida with Lowe's. Since Rich's departure, organ music for Sunday worship has been provided by guest organists Mary Alice Bragg, Nancy Thomas, and Jeannette Hassell. Chancel Choir has been directed by Darla Bray and accompanied by Betty Dillashaw. During all of our music staff transitions, activity by the Music Department has continued, as evidenced by the listing below:

- Jamie Fitzgerald was awarded the Artist-in-Residence scholarship for spring semester, 1998.
- After a busy season January - June, Chancel Choir and Chancel Ringers members enjoyed the annual choir picnic on June 20.
- The congregation recognized Liz Aitcheson during worship service on June 21, her last Sunday as choir director.
- On August 4-6, ten children attended our church's first music camp to learn to play handbells. This group of children performed during Sunday worship on August 9 and also at Twin Lakes Retirement Center worship on August 23.
- The adult choirs and the music staff served a meal to the Allied Churches Shelter the first Friday in August.
- Several choir members attended a vocal seminar at First Baptist Church of Elon College the last week in August.
- The Music Search Committee and pastor welcomed Darla Bray with introductions and a reception on October 14.
- Darla Bray began rehearsals with us October 28. Her first Sunday service as choir director was November 1.
- Due to various schedule conflicts, children's handbell instruction was suspended for fall semester with plans to resume in January.
- The organ has been serviced and tuned for the Christmas season.
- Pianos in the church have not yet been tuned but we expect to accomplish that task early in 1999.
- The Chancel Choir said good-bye to Rich Neubauer with a gift and a reception on November 11.
- The electronic keyboard which had been on loan to the church from Rich Neubauer for the past three years was purchased by the church in November so that we could continue to use it in worship.
- Chancel Choir members: 21 + 2 staff
- Chancel Ringers members: 13 + 1 staff

D.J. Bray
Betty Dillashaw

Report of the Moderator for 1998

This has been another exciting and busy year with our church continuing the meaningful events such as Moravian Love Feast, Joint Community Celebrations of Easter and Thanksgiving, Service Fair Fund Raiser, our College Football Sunday, Homecoming, and the addition of the "Consecrating Stewardship" program with the church-wide dinner following culmination on November 8, 1998. I will not attempt to compile all the wonderful events of this year since they will be presented in detailed form elsewhere in the yearbook.

We began the year by celebrating our pastor's five years of leading our congregation on February 8, 1998. The five moderators during that time highlighted the events of the year they served and several gifts were given.

Our pastor continues to offer exceptional leadership in his commitment to his role as pastor and shepherd of the church families and community. He gives strong support to the Stephen Ministry program which has become a vital part of our church ministry. He sets an example of giving of himself in service to others and has inspired many to join this path of ministry also. "Living Christ in Today's World," our church motto, is becoming more real to us as members of the body of Christ here in this place. My prayer is that each member will accept this challenge and live it out in their everyday lives also.

We regretted the resignations of Liz Aitcheson as Choral Director and Rich Neubauer, our Organist and appreciated greatly their contributions. We rejoiced in the coming of Darla Bray to serve as our new Choral Music Director and we continue to search for a permanent organist.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve this past year. I hope that those of you who are approached about the moderator position in the future will respond cheerfully in the affirmative.

Katherine Floyd

Annual Report of the
Board of Christian Education

1998 was another busy year for the Christain Education board. Sunday school continues to grow with little ones coming to our Toddler class to children, youth and adults visiting and joining in our other classes. Marion Aitcheson was hired i nthe fall to be a permanent person for our babies and toddlers each Sunday and to be available for all other church functions that require nursery care. Below is listed some of the highlights throughout the year:

April - Blessing of the Baskets, Easter Egg Hunt
May - Shelter Meal
July - Vacation Bible School
August - Promotion Sunday
September - Rally Day and Picnic
Adopt-A-Room
December - Advent Adventure
Birthday Party for Jesus

These are a few of the highlights from 1998. As always we are always looking for teachers to help in all areas of our Sunday school department.

I would like to thank Becky Peeler on behalf of myself and the Board for the hard work that she has done throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Melodie S. Allshouse
Board of Christian Education

BOARD OF DEACONS

ANNUAL REPORT DECEMBER 27, 1998

The Board of Deacons had a very successful year in 1998. The Deacons hold the very important task of providing comfort and support to members of our congregation needing help at difficult times in their lives. Our church congregation calls on our Deacons to lend a hand of support when our pastor is unable to be directly involved with those in need. To meet the needs of our congregation, each Deacon received a care list of families they were to be directly involved with during the course of the year. This Deacon-In-Care list helped our Deacons maintain the responsibility of providing care and comfort to our church families.

The Board of Deacons has the responsibility of scheduling and carrying out each of the communion services during the year. Our Deacons planned each service with care and made efforts to reach members of our church who could not part in our regular communion services. Our Board also coordinated special Easter and Christmas Eve communion services.

Our Deacons coordinate other important services for our church. Our Deacons recruited and scheduled ushers for each Sunday morning service and ushers for special services throughout the year. Our Board also took on the task of assigning and scheduling liturgists for Sunday Morning services. These responsibilities play a very important role in the overall success of our church services. The Deacons also regularly provide a meal for the Allied Churches Homeless Shelter.

Gayland Welborn

BOARD OF EVANGELISM
1998 Report

The Board of Evangelism met each month to plan outreach activities for our church and the wider church community. This year's activities have included:

Providing greeters each Sunday and for special services
Serving lemonade after worship during summer months
Continuing the Bread Ministry to those who have visited worship
Representing Board of Evangelism at New Member classes
Sending hand written welcome notes to incoming UCC Elon students at beginning of school year
Hosting a luncheon for new church members
Soliciting "goodies" , preparing and delivering over 100 exam bags for Elon students in Dec. and April
Serving a meal at the Allied Churches shelter
Hosting the second annual Football Sunday luncheon
Hosting a very successful catered fellowship dinner in lieu of gathering groups. Plan to host several a year in light of such positive response
Keeping new church sign up to date
Painting the young adult classroom
Sponsoring a Christmas Cheer family

As you can see, this was a very busy year! Thanks go to all Board members with a special thank you to Christy Ruth, Liz Benson, Linda Vogg, and Earl Danieley for their individual efforts, and to you, members of the congregation, for your help and support of our programs. The coming year will bring new opportunities to show the caring and fellowship we experience at Elon College Community Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Beyer, Chair

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - ANNUAL REPORT 1998

Women's Fellowship consists of three circles which met monthly in January and February with a General Meeting in March which is a mission program based on the interdenominational country of emphasis. This year it was Brazil and Cile Welborn, daughter of missionaries to that country, brought an interesting and compelling message to us of the contribution that we can make by supporting mission projects there. This program was presented in conjunction with the Mission Board following a worship service and covered dish dinner on March 8, 1998.

Circles I,II, and III met monthly in April and May continuing the theme, "Voices of Vision", using the program material prepared by the Coordinating Center for Women of the U.C.C.. A General meeting of all circles was held on June 1,1998 with guest speaker, Brenda James, of the St. Stephen U.C.C. in Greensboro. Brenda has served on many committees of our local and national church but is currently on the Restructuring Committee of our national church. She explained some of the changes that we can expect when this will be voted on at Synod in July, 1999.

New officers were elected at the June Business Meeting and will be installed in September. They were: President, Nell Snyder, Vice-President, Verona Danielely, Secretary, Roberta Starr with Treasurer, Sara Dodson continuing in service.

Circles met in either July or August and the fiscal new year was begun in September with a General Meeting. Guest speaker was Betsy Russell who introduced the program theme for the year, "Lessons on Forgiveness and Grace", a study of the last queen of Hawaii, Queen Lili'uokalani.

The Women's Fellowship contributed funds for the purchase of a new refrigerator for the Parish House. Hilda and Ralph Oxford made this purchase and installed the refrigerator for church use.

Women's Fellowship also contributed $300 for the second year toward the Ministerial Scholarship for our seminary student, Heather Dillashaw. We also sponsored a child through our Board for World Ministries for $252 annually, Church Youth were given $200, $150 was given for a camp fund for a child at Elon Homes for Children, $200 for World Hunger Fund, $100 for emergency fund, $400 for Christmas Cheer with a total budget of $2,857.

Women's Fellowship participated in Church Women United Bible Study, World Community Day, World Day of Prayer and May Fellowship Day. Members attended the Eastern N.C.Association Fall Enrichment Meeting at Amelia U.C.C. in September, and Summer Conference of the Church Women of Southern Conference in June at Elon College. Life memberships were given to Ruth Dunn, Fran Hook and Jackie and Cary Matlock. Also honored at Summer Conference were 8 members of our Women's Fellowship who have served for 50 or more years, These were: Lois Bost, Gladys Hughes, Josie Huey, Juanita Loy,Della Scott, Nell Snyder, Gladys Smith ,and Sara White.

Our circles remember all our "shut-in" members and friends with monthly mailing of cards, coordinate the "Meals on Wheels" program for our church and prepare a meal for the Allied Churches Homeless Shelter as well as help with meals for bereaved families.

BOARD OF MISSIONS
ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH UCC
ANNUAL REPORT DECEMBER 31,1998

FOR FISCAL 1998 BUDGETED MISSIONS FUNDS (LOCAL, NATIONAL AND WORLDWIDE) TOTALED $17,588. PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR WERE MADE ON TIME. THIS SUM REPRESENTS 8% OF THE TOTAL BUDGET.

THE CONGREGATION WILL BE GRATIFIED TO KNOW THAT IT MET ASSESSMENTS FOR OCWM AND THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR. RELATIVELY FEW CHURCHES IN THE CONFERENCE DO SO.

IN ADDITION TO BUDGETED AMOUNTS~ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH GIVING TO MISSIONS PROJECTS EXCEEDED AN ESTIMATED $8,600. THIS ADDED TO ABOVE MENTIONED BUDGETED ITEMS ~EAMS ECC MISSIONS FUNDS WERE IN EXCESS OF $25,000 IN 1998, OR, AN APPROXIMATE 11% OF ALL SPENDING.

INCLUDED IN THESE EXPENDITURES WERE: THE BLANKET PROGRAM $350; ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING $1,180; THE HARDESTY LOVE OFFERING FOR BOLIVIA $419; ELON HOMES(BEYOND BUDGET) $120; GIDEONS (EST.) $120; SPARE CHANGE PROGRAM OF ALLIED CHURCHES $60; AND AN ESTIMATED $6,000 THROUGH THE GOOD SAMARITAN FUND. THE LAST FUND IS NOT A MISSIONS BOARD FUND BUT IS REPRESENTATIVE OF MUCH THAT THE CHURCH DOES. IN ADDITION THE BOARD IS APPRECIATIVE OF OTHER IMPORTANT MISSIONS ACTIVITY OF ECC SUCH AS CHRISTMAS CHEER AND THE PANTRY. ALSO WE SENT AT LEAST $200 TO THE NEIGHBORS IN NEED EFFORT OF THE UCC. THE CONGREGATION ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE UCC PROGRAM, VETERAN'S OF THE CROSS, AN EFFORT TO AUGMENT MINISTERS W[IO SERVED OUR CHURCH WELL BUT FOR WHOM ADEOUATE RETIREMENT PUNDS WERE NOT PROVIDED.

SPECIAL MENTION SHOULD BE MADE OF THE TWO OUTSTANDING MISSIONS EVENTS HELD LAST SPRING. FIRST ON MARCH 1, IN COOPERATION WITH THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP, CILE WELLBORN GAVE A SPLENDID PRESENTATION OF MISSIONS WORK IN BRAZIL. MORE THAN 60 PEOPLE WERE PRESENT AT THE COVERED DISH MEAL. SECOND, ON MAY 17, DAN AND CARLA HARDESTY PROVIDED THE SERMON PORTION OF THE WORSHIP AND AN INTERESTING DISCUSSION OF THEIR MISSIONS WORK IN BOLIVIA.THERE WERE OVER 50 IN ATTENDANCE.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDED AN INCREASE IN BUDGETED FUNDS FOR 1999,for MISSIONS. THE REQUEST IS TO INCREASE THE BUDGET BY MORE THAN $7,000, TO A BIT OVER $24,000 (ABOUT 10% OF THE BUDGET) SPECIAL EVENTS SUCH AS ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING, NEIGHBORS IN NEED, AND VETERANS OF THE CROSS WOULD BE BEYOND BUDGET.

SUCH AN INCREASE WOULD ALLOW US TO FUND, TO SOME DEGREE, VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONS, AS WELL AS SEMINARY SUPPORT. SUCH ACTION WOULD REDUCE, BUT NOT PRECLUDE, THE NEED FOR SPECIAL OFFERINGS.

THE BOARD OF MISSIONS COMMENDS THE CONGREGATION FOR ITS FINE EFFORT OVER THE YEARS.

THE CHAIR WISHES TO SAY THANKS TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THEIR MASTERFUL SUPPORT.

YOUR SERVANT,
MARTIN L. SHOTZBERGER

1998 YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

	As of 12/31/98	Budget to 12/31/98	+/-
Income	$221,108.50	$225,000.00	($3,891.50)
Expenses	$224,055.90	$225,360.00	($1,304.10)
Deficit( )	**($2,947.40)**		

Funds on hand	12/31/98
Checking	$9,136.30
Money Market	$6,674.47
Total	$15,810.77
Designated/Liabilities	$29,628.06
Actual on hand	($13,817.29)
Reserve	$7,840.71 ***
Net Available	**($5,976.58)**

***Large Expenditures
(which reduced the reserve)

Painting of the Church	$11,793.00
Parish Heating/AC System	$6,821.34
Total	$18,614.34

1998 MISSION EXPENDITURES

World Missions	$15,138.00
Local Missions	$2,450.00
Special Offerings	$2,907.94
Good Samaritan	$9,481.56
Total	**$29,977.50**
% of Total Expenditures	**13.38%**

1997 MISSION EXPENDITURES

World Missions	$13,441.00
Local Missions	$2,424.00
Special Offerings	$2,030.00
Good Samaritan	$8,870.00
Total	**$26,765.00**
% of Total Expenditures	**12.59%**

BUILDING\MEMORIAL FUNDS

	12/31/98
Building Fund	$8,669.41
Capital Fund Drive '96	($6,747.69)
New Fellowship Bld	$10,478.62
Interest Received	$1,956.94
Interest Paid	($4,305.00)
Other Memorials	$14,335.30
Total	**$24,387.58**

Checking	$533.08
Money Market	$13,888.88
Certificate of Deposit	$9,965.62
Total	$24,387.58
Anonymous Loan	$0.00
Net Available	**$24,387.58**

Anonymous Loan Balance was reduced from $18,000 to $0.00 during 1998

AC/ETC FUND SUMMARY AS OF 12/31/98

Summary By Year	1996	1997	1998	Total
Income	$38,838.56	$23,046.75	$27,306.86	$89,192.17
Expenditures	($74,971.05)	($17,468.81)	($3,500.00)	($95,939.86)
Interest Paid	($254.67)	($3,555.33)	($495.00)	($4,305.00)

Expenditures

	(Estimated)	(Actual)
New Air Conditioning System	$74,971.05	$75,092.49
Paving Parking Lots (April 1997)	$16,600.00	$16,347.37
Tithe Projects:		
Habitat for Humanity of Ala County	$5,000.00	$2,500.00
Seminary Scholarship Fund	$5,400.00	$2,000.00
Interest on loan	$6,000.00	$4,305.00
Total	$107,971.05	$100,244.86

Pledge Status

Pledged Income	$104,900.00
Total Available (Pledged+Memorials)	$104,900.00

Pledges Received as of 12/31/98	$89,192.17
Outstanding Pledged Income	$15,707.83

Memorials Pledged to AC/ETC	Account #	
Clemm	8551	$205.00
Schmidt	8552	$650.00
Vickers	8560	$673.00
Woosley	8565	$572.50
Total		$2,100.50

CUB SCOUT PACK 51

Forty-nine boys: nine Tiger Cubs (first graders), twenty-one Cubs (second and third graders) and nineteen Webelos (fourth and fifth graders) are members of the church's cub scout pack. Eighteen adults provide leadership for the seven dens which meet each Monday night. These are den leaders Kenneth Roney, Miguel Bejos, Nadine Arico, Marty and Jill Baker, Susan Harrington, Jody Emond, Andy Meredith, Donald Stowe, Sid Holt, John Smith, Mary Kaczor, Mary and David Ward, Roland Stewart, and Drew Neill, and assistant cubmasters Junior Bare, and Alton Trott. Please join me in thanking them for sharing their time and talents.

In March and April eight Webelos received the Arrow of Light which is the highest award in Cub Scouting. We again exceeded the national standards for rank advancement, and for the percent of our Cubs who participate in the summertime programs. Twenty-three Cubs attended Cub Day Camp for one week in June and fourteen of our Webelos along with four leaders attended Webelos Resident Camp at Camp Cherokee or Camp Raven Knob in August. Our pack received the National Summertime Pack Award and the Honor Unit Award in 1998.

Some highlights of our program this year have been our Pack's Spring camping trip to Woodfield Scout Preservation in Randolph County. We had over eighty people from our pack camping together (not counting family members under the age of six). Junior Bare and his crew cooked dinner and breakfast for all those hungry folks. This summer we visited the Life and Science Center in Durham, went to a Burlington Indians Baseball Game, and had a well attended swimming party and hot dog supper at the Racquet Club. Last May the cubs participated in a bike safety program, bike inspection and bike rodeo. Our annual fund raiser, the pack's Father and Son Cake Sale in October provided some unusual and creative cakes and was a lot of fun for everyone. In December dens collected clothing for the needy or food for the Church's Food Closet and we marched in the Gibsonville Christmas Parade. At our December Pack meeting each boy received a "Raingutter Regatta kit". At our January meeting the boats which the boys build will be judged for design and creativity, and the builders will race their boats in ten foot rain gutters.

We have had a great year! We appreciate the continued support of our pack committee members: Jim Brown, chairman; Henry Buckner; Charles Lisum; Mark McAdams and Mack Scott.

George Troxler
Cubmaster

CHURCH ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR 1998

MONTH	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	Mth. Aver.
January	141	none	161	239		135.25
February	140	147	151	141		144.75
March	218	139	189	154	195	179
April	204	324	135	143		201.5
May	141	168	144	155	150	151.6
June	169	137	148	134		147
July	79	114	113	144		112.5
August	147	141	140	243	265	187.2
September	139	172	524	166		250.25
October	178	195	162	178		178.25
November	172	217	166	159	140	170.8
December	164	156	187	130		159.25

* Elon College Family Weekend 2 services: 8:30 - 173 11:00 - 351 (Total: 524)
** Elon College Football Sunday: 243
***Homecoming Service: 195

SPECIAL WORSHIP

Lenten - 144 Good Friday - 47 Aids Day - 10
Maudy Thursday - 65 Easter - 324

	1996	1997	1998
Highest Attendance	385	473	351
Lowest Attendance	69	85	10
Average Sunday Worship	157	171	168.1125

ELON COLLEGE
Office of Institutional Advancement

Annual Report of Endowments

November 25, 1998

Endowment/Scholarship Name:

Elon College Community Church Scholarship Fund

Closing Balance as of May 31, 1998 $22,466.17

Recipients:

Name	City	State	Year
Emily Woody	Burlington	NC	Junior

Elon College Community Church
Board of Trustees
Annual Report for 1998

The responsibilities of the Board of Trustees include the maintenance of the Church's building and grounds. Parish House, parsonage, and the church van. Many of the issues brought before the board this year have been routine maintenance and repair, however the board has also given attention to the areas outlined below.

- The Church's exterior has been painted.
- The water damage to the sanctuary ceiling has been repaired.
- The side entrance door to the sanctuary has been replaced.
- Many of the light fixtures in the sanctuary have been replaced.
- The asbestos ceilings in the Church's basement have been treated and sealed.
- The board voted to adopt a maintenance contract for the heating and air conditioning units from Rahco.
- Enhancements were made to the office computers and network cable.
- The adopt-a-room project has been ongoing; several of the classrooms have been painted and cleaned.
- The board is gathering information and quotes for the possible placement of an elevator and needed repair/painting of the steeple.

The Church is very fortunate to have such dedicated building supervisors as Biff Brafford and Harvey Hook; their knowledge of the property is a real asset to the Church and this board. The board would also like to thank Bill Ellis for his role as Torch Reporter.

Board Members:

Eric Allshouse, David Ruth, Jerry Dillashaw, Phoebe Harrison, Paul Fairfield, Rollin Heinzerling, and Richard Orsvath

Building Supervisors: Biff Brafford and Harvey Hook

Torch Reporting: Bill Ellis

Annual Report of the
Stewardship Committee

This year our church conducted the "Consecrating Stewardship" program. This concept involves challenging our members to a view of stewardship that encourages personal consecration rather than focusing on pledging to a budget. With thecounsel and inspiration of our "Visiting Steward", the Rev. Dr. William Smith of Greensboro, your committee conducted this new approach. Dr. Earl Danielely served to introduce the "Witnessing Stewards". Their inspirational testimonies were given on three successive Sundays by Matthew Woody, Linda Raker, and Bill Blanchard.

Following the Consecration Service on November 8th at which time our "Visiting Steward" preached, a very successful luncheon was served at Elon College with some 170 members of our congregation in attendance. The expenses for that fellowship meal were underwritten by a dozen members as a special gift to the congregation.

As of this date, December 22, approximately $180,250.00 has been pledged for the 1999 budget. This is the highest amount ever pledged in our history and we are grateful to God. Since we are still short of our "dream" budget, perhaps some members will be led to increase their pledges by the time of the annual meeting on January 24,1998.

I am grateful to the hard-working and generous members of the committee and to this congregation for your find response and for your personal committment to be a "Consecrating Steward".

Emmett O. Floyd, Chairperson

Grief Support Network

Since its inception in May, 1993, the Grief Support Network has met on the third Sunday of each month at the Elon College Community Church to provide comfort and support to bereaved parents and siblings of Alamance County and the surrounding area. Hardly a month goes by that a local family is not affected by the loss of a child. While it is unfortunate to say that the Grief Support Network is growing, it is comforting to know that the Network is reaching out to many bereaved families to provide support and assistance. There is an automatic bond of understanding and comfort among parents who know the devastation and ultimate sorrow of losing a child. Currently, there are approximately fifteen families actively involved with approximately 35 other individuals or families, including one in Oswego, New York, on the mailing list. All receive a monthly newsletter published by me, and thankfully mailed by our church. Members of the group draw strength from the newsletter and from each other through the encouragement that comes from sharing a simple meal, experiences, and feelings each month.

The Support Network held its fifth "Service of Remembrance" on March 15, 1998, in our sanctuary. As with our past services, an open invitation was given to any family in our community to remember a child who had died. A candle was lit for over forty children who were remembered to symbolize the light that child brought into the world. Following the "Service of Remembrance", refreshments were served in the Parish House, and much time was given to talking and sharing for those attending.

While the Support Network continues to provide encouragement to those participating, another facet of the group has been evolving. That is, to educate other members of the community about grief and its continuing effect on our lives. As members of the Network are well aware, "Grief is not a destination, but a journey." The Network continues its support to the grieving, and gives an open invitation to anyone in the community to join us on the third Sunday of each month at 4:00 P.M. (Please note the change in the meeting time).

'Tricia Woody

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
1998 History
Recorded by William J. Andes, Church Historian

January 1998
The new calendar year began with new church leadership:

Katherine Floyd, Moderator
Jim Lyon, Moderator-elect
Bill Beyer, Treasurer
Jimma Causey, Secretary
Building Supervisor, Biff Brafford
William J. Andes, Historian
Ann Acquilano, Assistant Treasurer
Roberta Starr, Building Fund Secretary
Mike Mayse, Photographer
Public Relations Coordinator, Cindy Benson
Assistant Building Supervisor, Harvey Hook
Committees and Boards had new members.

Budget for 1998: $225,360, an increase of 5.23%

We celebrated Epiphany on January 11, 1998, with Becky Theal and Chris Rahn singing "The Gift Goes On". Becky Peeler quoted Ann Weems: "We are the Lord's Church, the church of Justice and Mercy, the people sent to open prisons, to heal the sick, to clothe the naked, to feed the hungry, to reconcile, to be alleluias where there is no music. The mantle is upon our shoulders. Joy is apparent in our living. We have been commissioned to be the Church of Jesus Christ."

On the last Sunday in January, we were privileged to have the Southern Alamance High School "Belles and Sons" to sing for us. A new church membership listing of names, addresses and phone numbers was published. The old listing was published in March 1993!

February 1998
February is a month for great people: George Washington and Abraham Lincoln had birthdays; Arch Aitcheson began his 5th year as pastor of Elon College Community Church; Tom Conally, a choir member and a professor at Alamance Community College, makes boomerangs as a hobby; Fred Young, president of Elon College for 25 years, announced his retirement at the end of the year 1998, after seeing the enrollment double to 3,685 and the near completion of the Elon Vision, an ambitious $80 million plan to improve programs and facilities.

The Youth Fellowship provided a Valentine's Dinner for members and friends with the proceeds going to Habitat for Humanity and the Youth Mission Project. Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Sutton, who live near Pittsboro, N.C., and are members here, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary December 28, 1997. Church trustees challenged church membership to "adopt a "room project" in the Education Building to refurbish, clean, paint and improve. The Sanctuary and choir areas are getting new overhead lighting. Sunday School teachers had a "Coffee Talk" February 1 at the home of Robin and Mike Gregory. Installation of church leaders and the ordination of two women as deacons were held February 1. On February 8, the church honored Pastor Aitcheson for his five years of service at our church. It was a surprise celebration. Five moderators for these years followed the choir as they entered the sanctuary and chancel and called the pastor to the chancel to present gifts to him. Liz Aitcheson was also called to the chancel to receive a gift and our thanks for her services as Director of Music. Ash Wednesday, February 25, began with

worship and Holy Communion, the first of Lenten Services with the theme "At the Cross" among the participating churches: Elon College Community Church, First Baptist Church of Elon College, Elon Baptist of Morgan Place, Shallow Ford UCC, Trinity Worship Center, and First Methodist of Elon College. Preachers were Clarence Wall, Randy Innes, Norman Harris, Arch Aitcheson, Les Jolly and Darrell Cox. The liturgy for Ash Wednesday proclaims: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." And the prayer "Accomplish in us, O God, the work of our salvation, that we may show forth your Glory." Pastor Aitcheson began a 12-session course, "This too Shall Pass," for parents of teenagers who sometimes doubt their teenagers were created in the image of God.

March 1998

Lent began March 1 and ended with Palm Sunday, April 15, and Easter on April 12. During Lent our church music became subdued, a reminder of the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for his ministry while at the same time He was severely tempted by Satan. This contemplative spirit and music awaits the "Hosannas" on Palm Sunday and the "Glorias" on Easter.

Announcement was made of the "Space Mission Bible Camp" in July to launch children and youth on a mission of God's love. The Leadership Retreat was held March 6 and 7 at the Methodist Children's Home Retreat Center. Theme: "Spiritual Leadership."

Circle 1 of the Women's Fellowship provided the meal for Allied Churches Emergency Night Shelter. The Board of Deacons expressed their concern for families when they are faced with pain or a crisis and needed help or comfort. Each deacon has a designated group of members to let them know that each family has a "Deacon-in-Care" and could be called when needed. Contributions to the Blanket Fund amounted to $350 by January 31, 1998, which would provide warmth to people around the world. The youth of the church put together a package of greetings to Heather Dillashaw at Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, Tenn., and for Beverly Beyer, serving in the Peace Corp in Bulgaria. World Day of Prayer was held March 6 at the Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Burlington, NC. The Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ will be held in Elon College June 11-13. We will be asked to serve in many capacities.

Matt Mayse and Jeff Wilkins were awarded a Gold Key Award for Scholastic Art and Writing Achievement, an event sponsored by WFMY-TV and Greensboro College. Cile Welborn presented "Missions in Brazil." She had grown up in Brazil as the daughter of missionary parents. A Lenten Series of Prayerful Marriage Enrichment was held March 15 and 29. Leaders were Arch and Liz Aitcheson. The Terrific Thursday Choir sang "Who is my Neighbor" on March 29, Scout Sunday.

April 1998

April 5: Day Light Savings Time began. Six new members joined the church on this Palm Sunday, a day of extreme contrasts, starting with praise and thanksgiving and ending with the shadows of darkness and death. Burlington/Alamance UCC churches held a joint service of worship at the Lakeview church. The Elon church choir and the congregation sang "The King of Glory". April 9: At the Thursday Maundy Service, the pastor, Arch Aitcheson, read the poem, "I'd Like to Think," written by Lisa K. Ryan. April 12: Easter Sunday. The pastor announced "Christ is Risen" and the people responded, "He is Risen indeed." The choir sang "Coronation"

(Courtney) and the pastor's topic was "WOW". Attendance: 324. April 18: Diana Perry of St. John's New Mission Church was ordained to the Christian ministry. April 19: The young people of the Elon church led the service of worship. Brad Denny had the sermon titled "Second Chance." April 23: Burlington Area Laymen's Fellowship met at First Reformed UCC in Burlington. April 26: Arch Aitcheson, Jeff Wilkins, Mike Mayse and others from this area returned April 25 from the "Healing the Children Mission Mid-Atlantic" to La Romana, Dominican Republic. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rodney Beard and Mr. and Mrs. Jorge Antonio Aquilar celebrated their wedding anniversaries in Holt Chapel at Elon Homes for Children. April 28: Bill Ellis, a member of our church choir, wrote a new English text to the Elon College Hymn and it was sung by the Elon College Chamber Singers, directed by David Bragg.

May 1998

Exam bags were prepared for the students at Elon College. Confirmation Retreat held at Browns Summit May 9 in preparation for their being received as members of the Church on May 31, Pentecost Sunday. Those confirmed: Susan Heinzerling, Kimberly Acquilano, and Leigh Ann Denny.

Celebrated Mother's Day and the Festival of the Christian Family. Theme: "Strengthening Families for Change." Honored Jamie Fitzgerald, Artist in residence, who had sung in the church choir for this school year. Heard Dan and Carla Hardesty who had developed a camping ministry in Bolivia. Their two children, Ben and Annah, were recognized also.

The Women's Fellowship had a very successful "Service Faire" on May 2. Trustees reported that the lighting modification installation resulted in an improvement factor of 3 ½ times in the sanctuary.

June 1998

Seven young people and three adults were commissioned to represent Elon College Community Church at Carolina Cross Connection. Elon College and Elon College Community Church hosted the 33rd annual meeting of the Southern Conference of the UCC.

Howard Edgerton was featured twice in the Times-News for his civic contributions through the years. On June 7 Laura Chatfield, Carol Heinzerling and Bill Ruth were commissioned as Stephen Ministers. On June 21st Liz Aitcheson was recognized and honored for her three years of service as choral director. A painting by Leonard Miller was donated by Jane Miller and placed in the entry way downstairs.

July 1998

Guest Ministers:
July 5 – Heather Dillashaw, Ministerial student, Vanderbilt University; Topic: "A Place for All"
July 12 – John G. Truitt, Jr.; Topic: "Chicken Soup for the Soul"
July 19 – Ray Good; Topic: "Burdened"
Guest Musicians:
July 12 – Cindy Henderson Andrew
July 19 – Miranda Rich
July 26 – Ray Covington

Hand bell choirs for children and young people being developed by Betty Dillashaw. Search Committee appointed to seek a music director to replace Liz Aitcheson. More than $1,500 was given in honor of Liz Aitcheson for her three years of service as Music Director to provide music scholarships. Burlington Area Men's Fellowship gave 13 scholarships to high school seniors. Each scholarship was $500.

August 1998

Guest Musicians:
August 2 – Eddie Wood
August 9 – Thomas Turnachek, Liz Aitcheson and Jennie Rhodes
August 16 – Eddie Wood
August 23 and August 30 – Chancel Choir
Football Sunday was August 23rd – 234 in attendance
August 30 – Golden Wedding Anniversary of Verona and Earl Danieley with a large attendance. They gave a new church directory sign in observance of their 50 years of married life. The sign was dedicated to the Glory of God and is located near the Parish House on Haggard Avenue in Elon College, NC.

September 1998

Betsy Russell spoke at the General Meeting of the Women's Fellowship. Betsy is the wife of our Conference Minister, Rollin Russell. Painting the classrooms continues. Darla Bray began her work as choral director September 27. Family Weekend on September 20 brought Elon College students and families to the church service. Elon College Gospel Choir sang "Clap Your Hands" and Chaplain Richard McBride preached. Sermon topic: "La Familia."

Morris Dees, co-founder with Millard Fuller of the Southern Poverty Center in Birmingham, AL, spoke to a standing room only crowd of some 600 students, college staff and townspeople on September 15. He said, 'The biggest threats to American civil liberties these days are extremist militias and the religious right...These people want to exchange our democracy for their theocracy. They are not very tolerant and not very loving."

The United Church News, September 1998, included an article, "Fridays are Special", which highlights the group of children with disabilities who gathers for games and crafts one Friday each month at Community Church, Elon College, NC.

October 1998

Worldwide Communion Sunday was observed October 4 with Barry Raker preaching on "A Means of Grace". October 11 was Homecoming Sunday with a number of people returning to see friends and neighbors and to worship. The Rob Woody Young Awards were presented to Meg Wilkins and Matthew Woody. Earl and Verona Danieley and Betty Shomaker were recognized for their fifty years of service. Youth Officers for 1998-99 were installed: Meg Wilkins, President; Matthew Woody, Vice President; Katy Groose, Secretary; Susan Heinzerling, Fund Raising Chairperson; Leigh Ann Denny and Matt Mayse, Historians.

Elon College names a new president: Dr. Leo Lambert, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse. He will succeed Fred Young as Elon's eighth president January 1, 1999.

November 1998

Richard Neubauer resigned as organist after three years of service to move to Florida. Dr. William c. Smith, Jr., served as Stewardship speaker. He is pastor of the congregational UCC in Greensboro. Al Carpenter, Associate Professor of computing Sciences and Mathematics, for 16 years at Elon College died November 20 and will be missed by all -- teacher, church member, scholar, scientist.

The fellowship dinner was the first dinner to replace the Gathering Groups held for the past few years. At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of Elon Homes for Children, the Directors honored Dr. Fred Young who would retire as president of Elon College December 31, 1998. The Community Thanksgiving Service was held at the First Baptist church of Elon College. Noel Allen grew up in Elon College and was a member of our church. He recently served as chairman of the Search Committee to find the eighth president of Elon College.

December

Moravian Christmas Love Feast and Candlelight Service was held December 6. This annual event brings together people from other churches and begins the Advent Season. Truly Christmas brings Good News of the birth of Jesus Christ. We sing, pray, preach and reach out to others to tell the Good News and experience this great event in our lives.

Nominating Committee Report
Elon College Community Church Leadership 1999

Moderator: Jim Lyon

Moderator Elect: Ray Covington

Treasurer: Bill Beyer

Assistant Treas: Ann Acquilano (1998)

Secretary: Jimma Causey (1998)

Building Fund Secretary(1998): Roberta Starr

Historian: Bill Andes, Pastor Emeritus

Photographer: Mike Mayse

Board of Deacons:

1999	2000	2001
Beth Wilkins	Kay Hensley	Steve Perry
Lou Harper	Jackie Matlock	Barry Raker
Wilma Williamson	Lynn Denny	Bill Ruth

Board of Trustees:

1999	2000	2001
Paul Fairfield	Joe Davis	Earl Danieley
David Ruth	Rollin Heinzerling	Jo Grimley
Brian Harper	Richard Orsvath	Jim Starr

Board of Christian Education:

1999	2000	2001
Robin Gregory	Lorie Goodwin	Ray Turner
Suzanne Shipley	Leslie Denny	Open
Heidi Danieley	Carol Heinzerling	Open

Board of Missions:

1999	2000	2001
Wally Snyder	Jane Alexander	Ellie Ketcham
Mary Ruth	Helen Rippy	Betty Walker
Louis Wilkins	✧✧Open	Open

Board of Evangelism:

1999	2000	2001
Patsy Jourdan	Olga Griswold	Fred Grosse
Kim Perry	Liz Bensen	Mike Gregory
Christy Ruth	Linda Vogg	Pat Richardson

⇧ Position being given prayerful consideration by a member
✧ 1 year term ✧✧ 2 year term

Building Supervisors: Biff Brafford & Harvey Hook

Boy Scout Committee:	Class of 1999	Class of 2000
	Bill Rippy	Jim Brown
	Suzanne Shipley	Rollin Heinzerling
		George Troxler

Delegates to the Eastern NC Association UCC:

1999 (3)	1999 Alternates: (2)
1. Bill Ruth	1. Bill Rippy
2. Mary Ruth	2. Helen Rippy
3. Open	

Delegates to the Southern Conference UCC:

1999	1999 Alternates: (2)
1.Marsh McLelland	1. Wally Snyder
2.Pearl McLelland	2.
3. Nell Snyder	

COUNCIL COMMITTEES: (To Be Chosen by the Church Council)

Budget & Finance Committee:

1999 (3)	2000 (3)
Ken Bensen	Ken Harper
Bill Barbee	Dave Turnage
Rollin Heinzerling	Ann Vickers

Ex Officio: Treasurer

Personnel Committee:

1999 (2)	2000 (3)
Wally Snyder (Missions)	Earl Danieley (Trust)
Barry Raker(Deacon)	Fred Grosse (Evan)
	Carol Heinzerling(CE)

Stewardship Committee:

1999	2000 (2)
Marsh McLelland	John Truitt
Louis Wilkins	Shirley Beyer
Emmett Floyd	

Chair: Pastor Aitcheson

Nominating Committee:

1999(4)	2000 (2)
Jo Grimley	Dolores Truitt
Katrina Chappell	Nina Matlock
Norma Watson	
Nell Snyder	

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE

Pastor Parish Relations:

1999	2000
Katherine Floyd (Council Chair 1998)	Jim Lyon (Council Chair 1999)
(Trustee) Paul Fairfield	Kay Hensley (Deacon)
(Evangelism Board Member) Mike Gregory	Suzanne Shipley (CE)

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NEWSLETTER FOR:

JANUARY 1999

From the Pastor . . .

Six years have passed since three of us purchased and moved into the house Kingston Court. That was an exciting time. This was our first non-parsonage home Boxes were piled high to be unpacked and sorted as we tried to find the right spot fo each item.

Vowing not to use the attic (we had no basement here!) We tried to find plac for everything in the living quarters. The vow proved in vain, however, because we soon realized there were boxes of books, containers of our son's belongings, boxes o dishes we did not need and boxes of Christmas decorations. The attic was opened an the boxes were stacked.

Our son claimed his "stuff" upon his return to the United States. Over the pas years we sorted out our "stuff" and gradually threw away that which we will never us again. There are still a few boxes, a few old suit cases and Christmas decorations. The numbers of boxes are fewer.

As we approach a new year we need to do some sorting and cleaning as Christians. Most of us have tucked "stuff" in the attics and basements of our minds from the past. Boxes of anger, resentments, fears, prejudices and mistakes take up to much space in our lives. They keep us from living to our best potential in Christ. All of us find ourselves weighed down by the "stuff" we store.

John 3: 16 reminds every Christian that Jesus has come to us to free us from the "stuff" of our sinful lives. As we pass through Epiphany, we are reminded of the bright, white, cleansing light of his Spirit that seeks to cleanse us. He comes to help u sort out and throw away that "stuff" that we do not need anymore.

He tells us that all we need God will provide.

We do not need New Years Resolutions as much as we need to do some "housecleaning" with Christ's help. He promises a good year for all who give up the old boxes in favor of the new things he offers!

A blessed new year to you and yours . . . with lots of room for Christ!

Arch Aitcheson, Pastor

From Becky's Desk....

The year 1999 is fast approaching. We will be one year away from what some are calling the "New Millennium". Some of us will be one year older. Some of us will definitely be hoping for a year that is better some way. All of us will be dreaming dreams that the year will be different.

I ask myself how can I make this year different. What must I do or be or change that will somehow make this new year different and hopefully, better? Do I pray more? Do I need to care more? Do I need to take more risks? Do I need to stand up for injustices when I see them? Do I need to give more of myself and my resources? I catch myself, crying out to God, saying, "Exactly what! Exactly what is it that you, God, want me to be this year!"

The response to my exasperation is usually one of faith. God answers me by saying, "Trust me." And so....once again God calls me to trust; to somehow trust that God will be there on the days when I do not hear angels sing and on the days when I do; to trust that God will call me and prepare me to be whatever and whoever God wants me to be at that time; to trust that God will give me strength for the living and wisdom for the journey. That's what I know about what it means to live as God's Child. That's what I know about what it means to be a disciple of Christ.

John Wesley's Covenant Prayer often becomes my prayer each new year. It is a reminder of who God calls me to be and who directs and guards my life. So I share this prayer with you and wish for you new dreams and fresh starts in 1999.

"I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee; let me be full, let me be empty; let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.

Amen."

In Christ's Service,
Becky

Church Notes

CHURCH OFFICERS PLEASE NOTE:

Annual Reports due by December 31, 1998. Please get these in ASAP.

The Board of Evangelism is tentatively planning another Fellowship Dinner. Mark your calendars for noon, Sunday, February 21. Details will be provided later.

CIRCLE 3 WILL MEET TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1999 AT 11:30 A.M. AT THE CHURCH. BRING YOUR LUNCH TO ENJOY DURING THE MEETING AND PROGRAM.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to invest about 30 minutes once each 6 or 8 weeks updating the church bulletin board? If so, volunteer to some member of the Board of Evangelism or to the church office. A rotating calendar will be prepared so that someone will be responsible each week but no one will need to do the job very often. Thank you for your assistance.

READY TO SKI?
SKI TRIP DATE – FEB. 6,7, & 8, 1999
SIGN UP IS Jan. 10, 1999

COST: 9 AM – 4 PM – $ 31.00 Lift Fee
$ 12.00 Rental
$ 14.00 Lesson

We will leave Friday nite to travel to Boone. We will be staying at Covington Lodge. And.... We will return on Sunday. Details will be in a future mailing. Be deciding by Jan. 10 if you want to participate. Money is due by Jan. 19, 1999.

YOUTH NEWS ....

Due to the holidays, our winter/spring calendar has not been planned. Plan to come to Youth on Jan. 10 at 6:00 pm to plan calendar for spring.

SKI TRIP REGISTRATION WILL HAPPEN ON JAN. 10.
AND.... WRAPPING PAPER MONEY IS DUE.

VALENTINE'S DINNER....

Parents,
Please help us with our Valentine's Dinner!
We will need to following items: Card tables, red candles, and candle holders, Red napkins.
You will receive a list of food items to donate in the mail.
Your help to serve the meal and with clean up is always needed to make this a success.
ENCOURAGE YOUR YOUTH TO PARTICIPATE !

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
(12/12)11 MONTHS
CCB General Checking Acct
REPORT DATE: 11/30/98

ACCOUNT	CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR)	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE	OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR)
INCOME						
TOTAL INCOME	18.900.85	186.178.84	193.326.76	7,147.92	210.902.00	178,146.77
TOTAL RENTAL INCOME	975.00	12.400.00	11.456.50	943.50+	12.498.00	12.482.06
TOTAL OFFICE INCOME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	8.50
TOTAL SALES TAX REFUND	.00	913.70	733.37	180.33+	800.00	1.198.75
TOTAL VBS TUITION & FEES	.00	.00	45.87	45.87	50.00	.00
TOTAL GENERAL REFUNDS	.00	238.55	137.50	101.05+	150.00	27.87
TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	50.00	2.680.94	.00	2.680.94+	.00	979.41
TOTAL Interest	11.49	871.27	550.00	321.27+	600.00	709.16
TOTAL Misc. Income Accts	310.00	310.00	.00	310.00+	.00	3.832.50
TOTAL INCOME	20.247.34	203.593.30	206,250.00	2.656.70	225.000.00	197.385.02
EXPENSES						
TOTAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME	342.00	2.284.77	.00	2.284.77+	.00	183.41
TOTAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	600.00	2.450.00	2.363.00	87.00+	2.450.00	1.926.00
TOTAL OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	1.215.00	13.765.00	13.723.20	41.80+	15.138.00	12,217.00
TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSES	.00	2.558.84	2.921.60	362.76	3.500.00	2.337.95
TOTAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	450.00	1.557.34	2.665.15	1.107.81	2.800.00	2.877.22
TOTAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES	.00	634.83	1.099.75	464.92	1.165.00	490.91
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP	116.68	4.721.80	5.743.39	1.021.59	6.250.00	3.768.97
TOTAL SALARY EXPENSES	10.858.37	123.585.59	131.549.88	7.964.29	143.766.00	121.190.92
TOTAL Facility Operation Exp.	3.631.60	47.179.99	45.483.49	1.696.50+	50.291.00	41,702.06
TOTAL Misc Expense Accts	310.00	706.04	.00	706.04+	.00	3.301.26
TOTAL EXPENSES	17.523.65	199.444.20	205.549.46	6.105.26	225.360.00	189.995.70
NET TOTALS	2.723.69	4.149.10				7.389.32



WANTED ALIVE AND WILLING....

TO SPEND THE WEEK OF A LIFETIME WITH YOUTH AND ADULTS.

An adult Male is needed to accompany our youth to Carolina Cross Connection the week of July 18 – 24, 1999. If you have ever wanted to participate in a Mission Project, here's your opportunity and not have to travel too far from home. Join us in an experience you will not soon forget !

GUARANTEED !

If interested, Please talk to Becky soon !



Youth Fellowship annual valentine's Dinner

February 12, 1999

Bring a Friend, a group of Friends, or Your Best Friend

Seatings: 5:30 PM & 7:00 PM

By reservation only

Call 584-0391 by February 4. 1999

COST: $ 8.00 PER PERSON

This event is sponsored by our Youth. The proceeds to Benefit Habitat for Humanity and Carolina Cross Connection.

Name: _____

No.: _____

Seating Preference: 5:30 PM _____ 7:00 PM _____

Childcare Needed: Yes: _____ No: _____

CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETS....

COME JOIN US ON JAN. 24, 1999 AT 6:00 PM FOR CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP. ALL CHILDREN AGES 5 – 5TH GRADE ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. A SNACK SUPPER WILL BE PROVIDED.

START THE NEW YEAR OFF WITH A BANG! BE INVOLVED IN OUR NEWEST ADDITION TO THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM.

A story from your Global Ministries . . .

"...praising God and having the good will of all the people." – Acts 2:47a(NRSV)

BLESSED TRADITIONS

Andrea Cano serves in Guadalajara, Mexico, as program coordinator for Centro Alberto Rembao, where issues affecting Latinos in the West can be discussed across the Mexican-U.S. border from a progressive theological perspective. While doing historical research, she discovered several similarities and differences in the observance of liturgical calendars.

At the Temple of the Good Pastor in Guadalajara, U.S. Thanksgiving Day is observed at an evening service which recounts a common heritage with the New England pilgrims, and a shared meal. Members told Andrea they used to prepare turkey dinners with all the trimmings. Now the narthex is adorned with vegetables, fruits and flowers of the season which are later donated to a children's shelter, not unlike the U.S. custom of sharing food with the needy.

During Advent the congregation celebrates Winter Nights with several evenings of theatre, song, punch and testimony. Epiphany is not observed in Mexico, but for 50 or more years families have gathered on the church lot with now-unadorned Christmas trees where they ignite a huge bonfire and give poignant testimonies of faith and gratitude, share expectations for the new year, throw their trees into the flames and enjoy showers of sparks and good smells from the pine needles.

Andrea said there is much to share and learn from "a committed group of believers who recite the Lord's Prayer in hundreds if not thousands of languages and dialects aroung the world, who uphold their own faith traditions and customs, who continue to recast their symbolic acts and gestures in response to ever-changing social contexts, and who are committed to doing God's will and giving credible Christian witness.

You make the difference . . .

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Annual Meeting 1999
Covered Dish Luncheon
January 24, 1999
Following Worship

Bring the Whole Family!

Bring Your Favorite Food

Remember the Past Year!

Get a Vision for 1999!

Adopt a Budget!

Be an Informed Member!

Annual Reports Will Be Ready by January 10
For Your Study and Consideration!

From the Board of Missions

Thanks to everyone who participated in the food "Thanks Offering" at Thanksgiving. The response was generous; our food closet was well-stocked. However, the demand has been great during this season, ans once again the shelves are almost empty.

We ask you to contribute again that we might serve those in our community who need. On January 10, we want to "Fill the Cradle." Please bring non-perishable food items, paper products, detergent, toiletries, etc. And place them in the cradle in the sanctuary. What an appropriate symbol of love, generosity, and compassion, especially at this time of the year! Remember: January 10th - "Fill the Cradle!"

Thanks also to those who purchased the Good Shepherd cookbooks. ACAC has received much needed help from your purchases. We have one last book available and would like to complet this project. Please contact Jane Alexander at 584-7830 if you are interested.



"Judgement Day already?"

Paul Burton (c)MMI

JANUARY 1999

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
3 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 WORSHIP Noon Confirmation 5:00 pm Camper Bells	4 10:30 Circle I 7:00pm Cub Scouts 7:30pm Circle 2	5 10:30am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Circle 3	6 Pas 7:00pr 8:00pr
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17 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 WORSHIP 5:00pm Chancel Ringers 5:00pm Grief Support 6:00pm Youth	18 7:00pm Cub Scouts **OFFICE CLOSED** **Martin Luther King B'Day**	19 10:30am Staff Meeting **Noon TORCH Deadline**	20 7:00pn 8:00pn
24 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 WORSHIP Noon Annual Meeting 5:00pm Chancel Ringers 6:00pm Children's Fellowship	25 7:00pm Pack Meeting 7:00pm Stephen Ministry Supervision	26 10:30am Staff Meeting	27 7:00pn 8:00pn
31 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 WORSHIP Noon Confirmation 5:00 pm Camper Bells			

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 DCE's Day Off  **NEW YEAR'S DAY** OFFICE CLOSED	2
7 7:30 Breakfast Bible Club 7:00pm Stephen Ministry Training	8 DCE's Day Off 6:45pm Special Friday's Boy Scouts (Van Rsvd)	9 Boy Scouts (Van Rsvd)
14 7:30 Breakfast Bible Club 7:00pm Stephen Ministry Training	15 DCE's Day Off 6:00pm Habitat Spaghetti Supper	16
21 7:30 Breakfast Bible Club 7:00pm Stephen Ministry Training	22 DCE's Day Off 7:00pm Stephen's Ministry Retreat	23 Stephen's Ministry Retreat
28 7:30 Breakfast Bible Club 7:00pm Stephen Ministry Training	29	30

To Thank You

The world's a better place by far
Because of people like you,
Who take the time
to do nice things
The way you always do.

Thanks So Much

Thanks so much to everyone, who made our
Thanksgiving so wonderful.
May God Bless everyone. I love you all!

Eva and Richard

With Thanks to All of You

No wonder
there's such warmth behind the thanks this brings you way-
Your special kindness brought such joy, it really made the day-
And when any group of peopl does the thoughtful thins you do.
It's hard to tind words warm enough to thank each one of you!

Thank you for your prayers and phone calls.

A friend,

Irma Seamster and Family

Casitas B, Casa de Modesto
1745 Eldena Way
Modesto, CA 95350
December 1998

Holiday Greetings!

Another year is drawing to a close – a time for communicating with family and friends at this joyous season. This is my 97th Christmas, and I dare say not very many of you were around to celebrate my very first one in 1901! But may you have as many happy ones as it has been my good fortune to have.

This year has been one of several somewhat drastic changes in my life. They began in February when I fell in my residence room at Casa de Modesto. I broke several ribs and quite thoroughly banged myself up. Although I did not have to be hospitalized, I required 24-hour care in my room. For three weeks, Jim was able to provide this for about 16 hours a day, and then at night the nurses were able to provide some extra care while I was in bed. Since I was recovering very slowly, it seemed that the best temporary practical solution was to move me to the home of Jim and Nan in March.

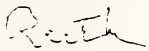
About the time I fell, a sore on my lip had become increasingly painful. When I had recovered sufficiently from my fall, several visits with the doctor confirmed a rapidly growing lip cancer. Doing nothing was not a viable option. Radical surgery would have been quite disfiguring and even then might not have gotten all the malignant cells. So the only alternative was radiation. After two months of daily radiation, the cancer and its associated soreness disappeared. It took about another month for the "sunburn" to disappear and my mouth to return to normal.

And then in August, I apparently had a light stroke and fell in the bathroom. No bones were broken this time, but for over a week I was unable even to turn over in bed. I once again required Jim's 24-hour attention. This 97-year-old body seems to recover very slowly, but by the middle of September I had recovered sufficiently that I was able to move about the house using my walker.

However, I still needed someone around on call 24 hours a day. It was at this time that space became available in the Casitas, where 24 hour in-house care is available for the five residents of each unit. It is not like being at home, but it is certainly better than being in a hospital, as each unit is a former 3-bedroom condominium. I do have a roommate who spends most of her waking hours watching TV in the living room. I have my recliner in my room to sit in and read during the day. We take our meals together in the dining room.

My physical needs are well taken care of, and Jim and some of the grandchildren drop by frequently to check on my welfare. This Thanksgiving was spent at Jim and Nan's house with all of his children and all but two of his grandchildren (2 grandsons are in the military and unable to be there) – all 25 of us!

Once again, the best of holidays to each of you. I remember and love each of you dearly, even if I am not able to correspond with you very often.



Ruth Hurst

CON Oración

By Prayer • Aug ~ Sep '98

HARVESTING



Pedro was the first to step forward. He walked across the street which served to create a moat between myself and the crowd. This street in the Plaza of Coroico, which normally hosted rickety trucks and dusty vans, was now still and silent as one man courageously ventured across.

The work team from Raleigh Christian Community (RCC) had been working at El Puente and this afternoon we had driven up the dusty road to town. Coroico sits atop a ridge in the lush mountains of the Yungas. At each corner of town spectacular vistas gratify the eyes with the grandeur of creation. The view within however is not so satisfying. The young man who served us dinner that night was a Christian and he related to me how Coroico was a hard town, a place where others came to fulfill the desires of the flesh. We sat and watched men walk into the center of the plaza where young woman waited for a chance to earn their next meal. He said it was difficult to be strong in such an environment.

The RCC team had prepared a stirring drama which we set up on the wide steps leading up to the doors of the Catholic Church. A curious crowd began to gather as the music started. A policeman watched speculatively, staring at these strangely costumed gringos poised in front of the massive cathedral doors. Despite continuous problems with the portable stereo the presentation was finished and I jogged up the steps to make the invitation. I had attempted street ministry in Coroico before with no success and though my heart envisioned a hungry response my head was blinded by doubt. I read with hope...

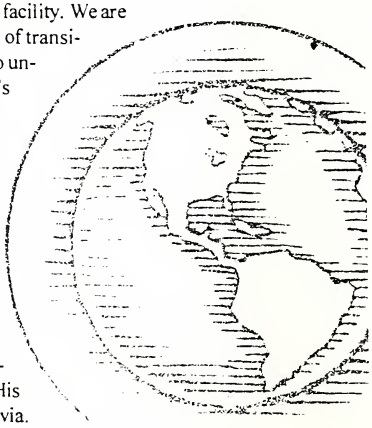
" As for you, you were dead in your ...sins...gratifying the cravings of your sinful nature...But because of His great love for us...it is by grace you have been saved , through faith..."

I waited half expecting the crowd to dissipate when one man stepped forward. Another followed and soon there was a small group of men and women around me looking for an answer. A crowd of children soon gathered. I knew their interests were focused on what I had in my hand to give away and not on what Christ had to offer. An RCC team member was near and I shouted, "whoever wants candy follow that man." In the blink of an eye the young sweet seekers had all but disappeared. Pedro and the others prayed with me. I then gave to each a gospel of John and encouraged them to know Christ.

This one experience has encouraged me perhaps more than any since we have been back in Bolivia. Not only did those who came forward receive eternal life but I was touched to see God work in what we thought was a tough and obstinate town. In spite of my doubts, His Spirit penetrated. The youth from RCC rejoiced there in the street and I was overjoyed to see the seed of missions planted in them.

Along with the motivation for missions that God was working into those young people He has also been impelling the Bolivian church toward a missions focus. The idea of using El Puente effectively within the strategy of thrusting Bolivians into missions is perhaps an emerging reality. We have been praying and asking God what he has for us this term and what His desires are for the camp. We cannot say that we have come to any concrete conclusions as of yet but a focus on leadership training and missions emphasis seems to play a part. It is evident that in the U.S.A such programs as Teen Missions and Teen Mania have had a dramatic effect on Christian and non-Christian youth alike. It is very conceivable that a ministry of this sort could have an incredible impact on the rising generation within Bolivia.

Carla and I urgently need your prayers at this point in our work. We have returned to Bolivia after a first term saturated with construction and creation of a camp facility. We are now at a stage of transition striving to understand God's will and direction. We do not want to fall into the trap of creating work which seems right to us but does not fall into God's strategy to build His church in Bolivia.



Pray:

- That God would grant us His vision and direction for our work and ministry here in Bolivia.
- That our children would continue to adjust well to the many changes they have been experiencing.
- Praise God for the lives that He touched in Coroico and the work done at camp.

Dan & Carla Hardesty
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La Paz, Bolivia

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CAMP WORK

Over 50 gallons of paint were spread over the walls of El Puente in July and August. Kitchen tables and cabinets also received a fresh coat. Along with the painting, the two work teams from Greencastle, PA and Raleigh, NC put in new trail lights, stripped and repainted the industrial stove, put up new soccer goals, poured a slab and installed a water tank-pump, built new window screens, an entrance sign, a gravel walkway and 39 new bunk beds. Beyond all of this they cleaned, cleared and burned off piles of trash, debris, brush and trees. Some brave souls even ventured with me into the depths of the garbage pit to tidy the place up a bit. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all the members of these teams for their impact on the ministry of El Puente

KIDS

August 24th Ben and Annah donned their backpacks and were off to school, Ben entering 2nd grade and Annah starting Kindergarten. Both are enjoying their new teacher, Miss Chan, who along with her helper, Miss Sarah, are instructing 11 children, kindergarten through 5th grade. This leaves Caroline home with us and makes for a very quiet house when she is napping. Caroline is approaching 6 months and is eating cereal, carrots and camote. All three are staying healthy and active, adjusting well to life in Bolivia. We reacquainted ourselves with the neighborhood with a coin toss hike, tossing the coin at every corner. Heads - right, Tails - left.

Dan & Carla Hardesty

DECEMBER 11, 1998

SPECIAL FRIDAY'S FRIENDS!

MAY ALL YOUR CHRISTMAS SURPRISES
BE HAPPY ONES!

JOHN MATT



"The FAST LANE, FAST Foods .. now they want Fast Prayers with quick results."

Joe Buresch (c)MMI

December 11, 1998

Dearest Christian Friends,

So many of you contributed to my sense of well-being over the past six months. Our pastor and his wife, in presence and prayer, our "deacon in care", many other friends through visits, cards, calls, gifts, assistance, food, sympathy and love.

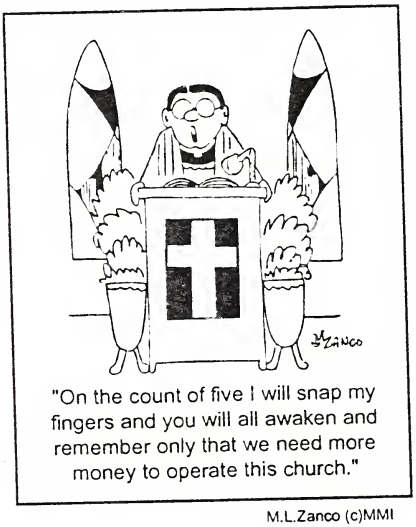
Being on the Prayer List and feeling the essence of the prayer chain also were sources of great comfort to me. The skills of health care providers also are seen as gifts.

In short, all of you touched my and Edith's souls with the Spirit.

In God,s holy name, thank you.

Martin

Martin L. Shotzberger



WE'VE BEEN BLESSED WITH MORE BABIES!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PROUD PARENTS,

PAUL AND KERRY PURDY,

AND GRANDPARENT KATHLEEN LANKFORD, OF A BOY, BRANDON MICHAEL PURDY

BORN: DECEMBER 4, 1998

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PROUD PARENTS,

LEE ANN AND JOHN LONG,

OF TWIN GIRLS: KACEY RENEE LONG AND KAYLEIGH ANNA LONG

BORN: DECEMBER 11, 1998

Thanks

DECEMBER 7, 1998

To the Elon College Community Church Family:

Thank you so much for the Exam Kit you sent me. I very much appreciate the time and thoughtfulness of everyone involved. It was wonderful to receive a package that was stuffed with food! I am sure that everyone who received one of these packages is as grateful as I am for your care and your effort.

Thanks again,

Heidi Troxler

Don

Exam Kits!

DECEMBER 1998

I wanted to tell everybody "Thank you" for the examination kit! I greatly appreciated it and needed every bit of it.

Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas!

Thank you a lot,

Mandy Jourdan

Elon College Community Church -

To all those who helped create, package, and deliver exam packs —

Thank you very much for mine! You'll be happy to know that, having only received it about a week and a half ago, the contents are completely gone - except maybe a couple of packs of hot chocolate. Today's the first day it's actually gotten cold enough to appreciate a mug of hot cocoa! The homemade cookies were delicious and everything I received was much appreciated. Thank you all very much.

Much Happiness This Holiday Season,

Rachael Dillashaw


Camper Bells Reunion
MEET IN CHOIR ROOM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 3
6:00 - 700 P.M.
PLAN REHEARSALS FOR
EASTER MUSIC!!

A story from your Global Ministries . . .

What does God require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8, NRSV)

CHRISTIAN WITNESS AND SERVICE

Martha Mensendiek teaches social work at Doshisha University in Kyoto, Japan, a country where the general perception of social work is that of care givers in nursing homes or homes for the handicapped and where options for trained social workers are limited. She has a particular interest in helping her students see the larger role of social workers in the community. She writes of linking students with community service organizations. " I have compiled a list of local NGOs for them to contact and get involved. I also invite them to visit the YWCA where I volunteer, working the hot line and with the support center for migrant workers.

"Of course, another important aspect of opening doors for students interested in NGO work, especially having to do with peace and social justice, is that it is also an exposure to the work of the Christian church which has been making an impact in this area in Japan and throughout the world. In my classes, when I speak about gaining social justice for minorities in Japan, for example, I share about the work of Christian organizations including the YWCA.

"At our hot line office, between calls, or while folding newsletters for mailing, the conversation often is quite stimulating and there have been occasions when the discussion has centered on the Christian faith. Why are Christians involved in social justice work? Why was Christ crucified? If God is almighty, why did God not save Jesus from the cross?

"I have found these informal spontaneous discussions the most challenging and most rewarding aspects of my mission . . . opportunities for me to learn and grow, as they challenge me to be more effective in vocalizing my faith. I thank God for this role I find myself in . . . ."

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Opportunities for Service at our Sunday Services

Flowers for JANUARY

Jan 3 - Dr. and Mrs. Jeff Wilkins
Jan 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pendergrass
Jan 17 - Mrs. Mary Shaw Cunningham
Jan 24 - Mr. and Mrs. Wes Alexander
Jan 31 - Mrs. Josie Huey

Ushers for JANUARY

Jan 3 - Mike Mayse, Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley
Jan 10 - Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Stan Willard, Tommy Oakley
Jan 17 - Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, Bill Beyer, Richard Orsvath
Jan 24 - George Troxler, Dick Rinker, Bill Linde
Jan 31 - Jeff Wilkins, Walter Boyd, Jim Lyon, Bill Ruth

Acolytes for JANUARY

Jan 3 - Jeff Wilkins/Nicole Williamson
Jan 10 - David Brown/Miranda Rich
Jan 17 - Christine Fogleman/Anna Wilkins
Jan 24 - Leigh Ann Denny/Rebecca Perry
Jan 31 - Jesse Chatfield/Robert Danieley

Greeters for JANUARY

Jan 3 - Mark and Heidi Danieley
Jan 10 - Kim and Casey Webb
Jan 17 - Stan and Estelle Willard
Jan 24 - Barry and Linda Raker
Jan 31 - Mike and Janet Mayse

Nursery for JANUARY

Jan 3 - Lorene Lyon
Jan 10 - Beth Schmidt
Jan 17 - Hilda Oxford
Jan 24 - Maxine Rich
Jan 31 - Miranda Rich

Second Hour Child Care for JANUARY

Jan 3 - Sue Brown/David Brown
Jan 10 - Lynn Denny/Lesli Denny
Jan 17 - Helen & Bill Rippy
Jan 24 - Gayland Welborn/Mark Danieley
Jan 31 - Patsy & Eddie Oliver

Church Attendance for

Nov 29 - 140	Dec 6 - 164	Dec 13 - 156
Dec 20 - 187	Dec 27 - 130	

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NEWSLETTER FOR:

FEBRUARY

1999

From the Pastor . . .

"Love is Patient; Love is Kind . . . ."

In this month of romance revisiting the thirteenth chapter of I Corinthians is a must. Paul's letter to Corinth defines the essence of the Christian Gospel in timeless words. Paul presents this kind of love as the clarifier of our relationship with God and with each other.

A few years ago Leo Buscaglia, the Guru of Hugs and Love, wrote a book of reflections on loving. Born for Love invited us all to refocus our actions, our relationships, our words in the context of the kind of love Paul defined. His collectio of reflections moved the reader through all of life's ups and downs, offering the bridg of the Love we were born to share as our hope and guide.

Buscaglia collected one-line quotes from famous personalities for each reflection. The speak of the call of love to all of us. Read a few I repeat as you contemplate the love God has offered you and asks you to extend to others.

The great tragedy of life is not that we perish, but that we cease to live.
W. Somerset Maugham
Nobody has ever measured, even poets, how much the heart can hold!
Zelda Fitzgerald
If we want a love message to be heard, it has got to be sent out.
To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it.
Mother Teresa
If you would be loved, love and be lovable.
Benjamin Franklin
Loving, like prayer, is a power as well as a process. It's curative/ It is creative.
Zona Gale
To love is to place our happiness in the happiness of another.
Gottfried Wilhelm Van Lubreitz

Be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars!

Henry Van Dyke

Loving touch makes the difference. Without Mom's chicken soup, without Mother Teresa, without the loving touch of our neighbor in church or a caress in the hospital, we might as well live as animals!

Everett Tetley

Loving alone is capable of uniting living beings in such a way as to complete and fulfill them, for it alone takes them and joins them by what is deepest in themselves!

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

On this earth, though far and near, without love, there's only fear!

Pearl Buck

There isn't any formula or method. You learn to love by loving.

Aldous Huxley

Love lights more fire than hate extinguishes.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Love doesn't just sit there, like a stone. It has to be made like bread; remade all the time, made new.

Ursula K. Leguin

Love one another, but make not a bond of love; Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your souls.

Kahlil Gibran

Love one another!

Jesus of Nazareth, the Anointed One

Think on these things and read I Corinthians 13 this month. Then put what you read here and there to practice!

In Christ's love,



USHERS

A great deal of thanks goes out to those in our congregation who have ushered during the last year. A special note of thanks goes to Stan Willard who has acted as our head usher. We sometimes take this task for granted, but we would miss it if no one was there to help each Sunday.

Bill Ruth, Deacon in charge of ushering, would like to expand the ushering list. If you are interested in helping with this important task please contact Bill at 584-4619. There are occasions when ushers are needed other than on Sunday. Maybe you would be interested in helping out then. In any event, we are not asking you to sign up for a long-term commitment.

Have you ever thought that the usher is often the first person a worshiper sees on Sunday. What an opportunity for ministry. Please consider and call Bill.

From the Mission Board

Thanks to all who helped "Fill the Cradle" on January 11. As a result of your contributions, the Food Pantry is again re-stocked.

Special thanks to office personnel on Elon College campus who participated. Their generous donation of several bags of staple products will enable us to better meet the community needs. We appreciate their involvement.

The Women's Fellowship and Mission Committee of the Church will sponsor a program on Indonesia on March 8 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish House. Rev. Miles Walburn of Chapel Hill, a former missionary, will bring the presentation and a soup and sandwich luncheon will follow. Please mark your calendar and watch for more information.



YOUTH NEWS

Volume 2,Issue 1 FEBRUARY 1999

SKI TRIP REMINDERS....

Please be reminded of the following things about our Ski Trip....

* Please meet at the church on Feb. 5, 1999 at 6:00 PM. Plan to eat before you arrive.

* You will need money for lunch on Saturday at the Ski Lodge and possibly for lunch on Sunday.

* What to Bring:

Warm clothes to ski In or layer should the weather be warm: extra socks, gloves.

Sleeping bag and towels

Change of clothes



Hope this is what our house looks like !

Personal "Stuff"

PERMISSION FORMS

* We will be staying at the Covington Lodge in Boone and skiing at Appalachian Mtn. Ski Resort .

* We will return on Sunday by early afternoon.

MYSTERY DINNER, FEB. 21, 1999 AT 6:00 PM

Did the deadly strangleweed pull Captain Abel Smith beneath the murky waters of Emerald Pier?

Will the strangleweed return on the 100th anniversary to finish off the tourist shops?

Come play your part as we find the answers to these questions and more....

COME TO THE HOME OF BARRY & LINDA RAKER, 15 HICKORY AVE., ELON COLLEGE AT 6:00 PM. PLAN TO STAY UNTIL 8:00 PM.

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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED....

Help us choose a convenient week for Vacation Bible School !

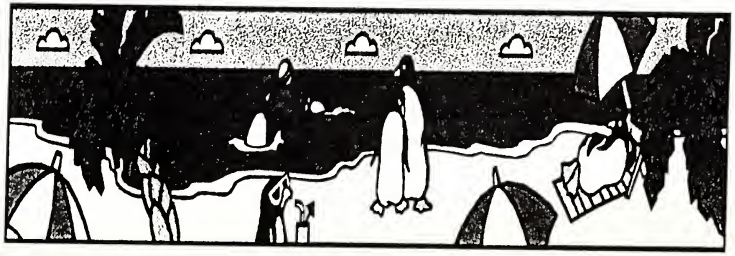
All parents, grandparents, possible leaders are encouraged to begin thinking about your summer schedules. This year we will try to set the Vacation Bible School date based on a consensus when it seems most folks will be able to participate.

Plans are for another exciting theme....One you won't want to miss !

Please rank the following dates in order of preference . Return to Becky by March 14, 1999.

___ June 21-25, 1999
___ June 28-July 2, 1999
___ July 12-16, 1999
___ July 26-30, 1999

_____Signed



Report of the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees met on January 10. Officers elected for 1999:
Chairman-Earl Danieley; Vice Chairman - David Ruth; Secretary - Jo Grimley

It was voted to accept with appreciation a gift from Mrs. Rachel Holt of a piano for the Parish House and a gift from Dr. William Andes of a piano for a Christian Education classroom.

It was voted to change the remaining light fixtures in the sanctuary and to investigate the possibility of installing dimmers on the chandeliers in the sanctuary.

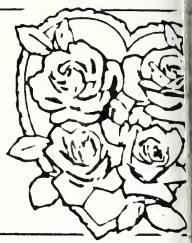
Discussion continues regarding the repair of the shingles on the steeple; painting the steeple; and the possibility of installing an elevator.

CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETS FEB. 28, 1999 AT 5:00 PM

Join us for the fun of it !
Snack Supper will be served.



February 1999



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
	1 10:30am Circle 1 7:00pm Cub Scout 7:30pm Circle 2	2 11:30 am Circle 3	3 7:00p 8:00p
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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DINNER

February 12, 1999

Bring a Friend, a group of Friends, or Your Best Friend

SEATINGS: 5:30 PM & 7:00 PM

BY RESERVATION ONLY

Call 584-0391 by February 4. 1999

COST: $ 8.00 PER PERSON

This event is sponsored by our Youth. The proceeds to Benefit Habitat for Humanity and Carolina Cross Connection.

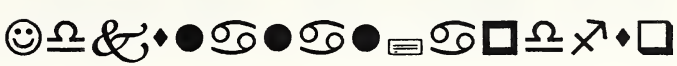
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No.: _____

Seating Preference: 5:30 PM _____ 7:00 PM _____

Childcare Needed: Yes: _____ No: _____

All Church Fellowship Luncheon!



A CHINESE BANQUET
FEBRUARY 21, 1999
Following Worship in the Parish House
For all ages to enjoy!

Purchase Tickets each Sunday in the Narthex
$ 8.00 Adults
$ 4.00 Children, 12 and under
NO M.S.G.!

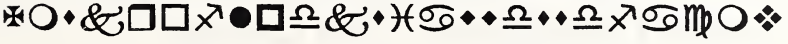
Buffet Choices:

Spring & Egg Rolls	**Steamed Dim Suan Sumplings**
Boneless Spareribs	**Vegetable Fried Rice**
Special Lo Mein	**General Tso's Chicken (Mild)**
Seafood w/ Vegetables	**Triple Delight**
Pork ala Mandarin (Mild)	**Beef w/ oyster sauce**
White Rice	**Fried Doughnuts**

Iced Tea

Purchase your tickets Today!
Do not miss a wonderful fellowship opportunity!

Invite Friends to Church and Lunch that day!



ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
(12/12)12 MONTHS
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REPORT DATE: 12/31/98

ACCOUNT	CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR)	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE	OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR)
INCOME						
TOTAL INCOME	16,764.75	202,943.59	210,902.00	7,958.41	210,902.00	196,042.92
TOTAL RENTAL INCOME	300.00	12,700.00	12,498.00	202.00+	12,498.00	13,457.06
TOTAL OFFICE INCOME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	8.50
TOTAL SALES TAX REFUND	.00	913.70	800.00	113.70+	800.00	1,198.75
TOTAL VBS TUITION & FEES	.00	.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	.00
TOTAL GENERAL REFUNDS	93.53	332.08	150.00	182.08+	150.00	27.87
TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	346.00	3,026.94	.00	3,026.94+	.00	1,395.41
TOTAL Interest	10.92	882.19	600.00	282.19+	600.00	709.16
TOTAL Misc. Income Accts	.00	310.00	.00	310.00+	.00	3,832.50
TOTAL INCOME	17,515.20	221,108.50	225,000.00	3,891.50	225,000.00	216,672.17
EXPENSES						
TOTAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME	523.17	2,907.94	.00	2,907.94+	.00	1,179.41
TOTAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	.00	2,450.00	2,450.00	.00	2,450.00	1,926.00
TOTAL OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	1,373.00	15,138.00	15,138.00	.00	15,138.00	13,441.00
TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSES	478.57	3,037.41	3,500.00	462.59	3,500.00	2,394.03
TOTAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	1,034.55	2,591.89	2,800.00	208.11	2,800.00	2,877.22
TOTAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES	12.69	647.52	1,165.00	517.48	1,165.00	490.91
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP	441.08	5,162.88	6,250.00	1,087.12	6,250.00	4,912.77
TOTAL SALARY EXPENSES	15,227.68	138,813.27	143,766.00	4,952.73	143,766.00	134,930.38
TOTAL Facility Operation Exp.	5,420.96	52,600.95	50,291.00	2,309.95+	50,291.00	46,684.74
TOTAL Misc Expense Accts	.00	706.04	.00	706.04+	.00	3,301.26
TOTAL EXPENSES	24,611.70	224,055.90	225,360.00	1,304.10	225,360.00	211,237.72
NET TOTALS	7,096.50-	2,947.40-				5,434.45

Circle #2 of Women's Fellowship will meet on February 1 with Helen Rippy at 403 Truitt Drive, Elon College.

The Board of Evangelism is looking for bread bakers and deliverers for the church's Bread Ministry. Please contact Liz Bensen at 584-4756 if you are interested or for more information.

One Great Hour of Sharing

"One Great Hour of Sharing," launched in 1949, has never ceased in its life-transforming work of human relief and development. This offering supports ministries of disaster assistance, community economic development, refugee resettlement, and health and social service - bringing hope and help to people in seventy countries, including the United States and Canada.

Mary Ruth
Mission Board

Circle 3 will meet in Seeker's classroom, Tuesday, February 2, 11:30 a.m. Bring a sandwich to enjoy during the program.

Happy Holidays

ay the warmth of this Holiday
eason be yours to enjoy!

ith much love,

erona & Earl

Happy Christmas

May yours be a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year!

Thanks for being great Team Leaders
Paul and Eleanor Fairfield

January 7, 1999

To My Church Family,

I want to thank you for remembering me with your thoughts, prayers and each lovely card during these last few weeks.

It meant so much to me to be included on the prayer list. Prayer does wonders.

I am doing fine.

Thanks again to each one of your and God Bless you.



With love,
Florance Smith

"Oh, come let us adore Him"
with joy in our hearts...
and peace in our world...

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Rick, Dee, Dylan & Sarah Bragg

Arch and Staff.
thanks for all of the hard work that you have done for our church and our members this year. We do appreciate you. May you have a wonderful Holiday!

God Bless,
Doris

Christmas 1998

At Christmas and in the new year,
may you find Him to be all your
heart will ever need.

Love,
Doris & "Biff"

Thank You So Much

Your thoughtfulness at Christmas meant more than words can say.

Dear Pastor Arch & Church Family

Thank you, for your caring and understanding all year long. "Not only at Christmas" but your love shows every day, like the stars every night, you all show Christ love. With food, phone calls, visits gifts, cards, you have never given up on me. I feel unworthy I have nothing to give in return.

Yet, you never make me feel like a burden. You always make me feel good about myself. That makes me feel that I still have a reason to keep on keeping on.

In Christ's Love,
Mary

Thank you for being you!

vant to thank you for the Exam kit! I really enjoyed it,
id it was much needed. My mom was not able to buy me
ie from the school and she told me it was heaven sent! I
ally appreciate it!

Thank you,
Mary Ellen Plewes

Dear Elon College Church Family and Friends,

Thanks to everyone for the wonderful Exam "goodies" kit!!! Once again in the stress filled time of exams you all burst through to share your love and support. It means so much to me knowing that my church family is behind me and my other peers in college.

Thanks again and I hope everyone has a blessed New Year!!! God Bless everyone!

Love,

Tara L. McKenna



Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

Flowers for FEBRUARY

Feb 7 - Mrs. Venita Edwards
Feb 14 - Mr. and Mrs. Len Norris
Feb 21 - Mrs. Clara Noah
Feb 28 - Ms. Sara Dodson and Ms. Melva Foster

Ushers for FEBRUARY

Feb 7 - Mike Mayse, Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley
Feb 14 - Steve Perry, Stan Willard, Tommy Oakley
Feb 21 - Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, Bill Beyer
Feb 28 - George Troxler, Dick Rinker, Bill Linde

Acolytes for FEBRUARY

Feb 7 - David Brown/Miranda Rich
Feb 14 - Jeff Wilkins, III/Nicole Williamson
Feb 21 - Christine Fogleman/Anna Wilkins
Feb 28 - Jesse Chatfield/Zach Welborn

Greeters for FEBRUARY

Feb 7 - Ethel and Tom Oakley
Feb 14 - Mike and Robin Gregory
Feb 21 - Earl and Verona Danieley
Feb 28 - Jim and Lorene Lyon

Nursery for FEBRUARY

Feb 7 - Eric and Melodie Allshouse
Feb 14 - Olga Griswold/Cile Welborn
Feb 21 - Heidi Danieley/Susan Heinzerling
Feb 28 - Wilma Williamson/Nicole Williamson

Second Hour Child Care for FEBUARY

Feb 7 - Bill Linde/Katherine Floyd
Feb 14 - Laura Chatfield/Matt Mayse
Feb 21 - Jimma Causey/Kim Webb
Feb 28 - Marie Wilkins/Jeff Wilkins, III

Church Attendance for

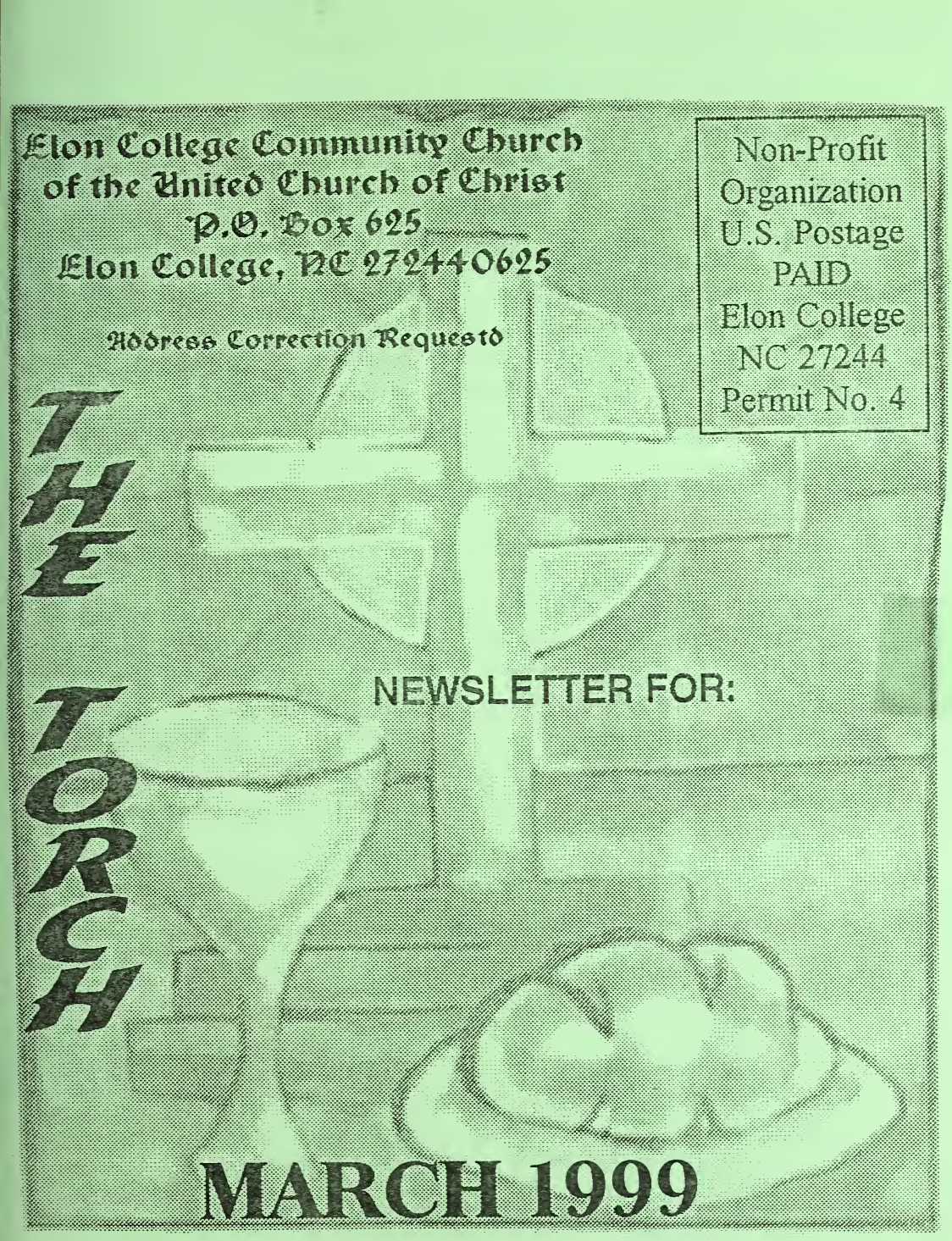
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THE TORCH

NEWSLETTER FOR:

MARCH 1999

From the Pastor . . .

The Lenten Season is upon us.

This year, once again, we have an opportunity to worship with neighboring congregations on Wednesday nights at 7 o'clock. Each service will be limited to thirt minutes and will focus on our theme for the 1999 series: "Jesus, Keep Me Near the C (Hymn No. 197 in the New Century Hymnal.

I hope to see many of you at these services! The schedule is as follows:

February 24, 1999	**7 PM**	**First Baptist Church of Elon Colleg**
March 3, 1999	**7 PM**	**Elon College Community Church U**
March 10. 1999	**7 PM**	**Shallowford United Church of Chri**
March 17, 1999	**7 PM**	**Elon Baptist Church at Morgan Pla**
March 24, 1999	**7 PM**	**First United Methodist of Elon Coll**
March 31, 1999	**7 PM**	**Trinity Worship Center**

Make the services part of your lenten discipline this year.

Many of you received the Lenten Study folder at the Ash Wednesday Service. There are more in the Narthex for those who would like the discipline of a daily script reading and prayer guide for the season. Pick one up and grow in the love of Christ according to the Gospel of Mark!

May this season be filled with spiritual blessings for you and yours!

Grace and peace,



Arch Aitcheson
Pastor & Teacher

CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETS MARCH 21, 1999 AT 5:00 PM



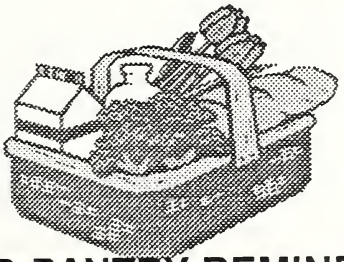
This activity is for all children Kindergarten - Fifth Grade. Bring your friends and join us. Snack supper will be served.





Board of Deacons

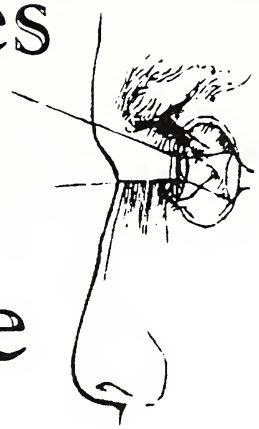
This will be a busy year for the Board. Our pastor will be taking a sabbatical during the months of July, August and September. Each Deacon is assigned a member of the congregation. The Deacon is responsible for seeing that the member is contacted and provides contact and care when needed.



FOOD PANTRY REMINDER

Please remember to bring canned goods for the food pantry. Especially needed are boxes of powdered milk.

Eyes To See



Donate Your Nearly New and Used Eyeglasses as a 1999 Mission Project

What price would you put on seeing the sun rise or a baby smile? Vision is a priceless gift we often take for granted. But for many impoverished people around the world, a pair of glasses would be an answer to their deepest prayer.

A United Church of Christ partner, Interchurch Medical Assistance, Inc. is a non-profit, private, voluntary agency for the procurement and distribution of medical supplies for overseas health care ministries. I.M.A. receives numerous requests from hospitals in India, clinics in the Philippines, community health centers in Haiti and elsewhere requesting adult and children's eyeglasses, frames and lenses.

Beginning in January 1999, we invite children and families in local churches to participate in the healing ministry of Christ by collecting eyewear gathering dust in your drawers and sharing them with those who are in need around the world. All eyewear will be received by trained optometrists and distributed free of charge. Because of a special United Church of Christ **One Great Hour of Sharing** grant to I.M.A., you are responsible only for collecting and packing the glasses and paying for shipment to a collection center in the U.S. The **OGHS** grant will cover all overseas shipping costs.

For complete instructions on how and where to send your donated eyewear and for local church program ideas including an intergenerational Bible study, suggestions for conversations with children and a blessing ceremony, contact:

Linda Petrucelli
UCBWM
475 Riverside Drive, Fl. 16
New York, NY 10115
(212) 870-2283
petrucel@ucc.org

Patricia J. Goldberg
UCBHM
700 Prospect Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44115
(216) 736-3799
goldberp@ucc.org

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 24, 1999

The Elon College Community Church congregation met on January 24, 1999 after worship for a noon covered dish luncheon and the Annual Meeting in the Parish House to review 1998 and plan for 1999.

Katherine Floyd, Moderator for 1998, presided over the meeting. The previous annual meeting business was approved by Helen Rippy and seconded by Barry Raker. Also the Annual Reports by all boards were approved with minor changes noted.

Katherine gave a very inspirational speech regarding her year of service as our Moderator. She reminded the gathering that we need to "work hard for the Christian church, and keep faith to the cause of Jesus Christ that is our center of living." She remarked that our congregation had also been willing to help when needed and called upon. Katherine also expressed her thanks to all that had performed various positions during the year, and added that we are "living Christ in today's world."

Becky Peeler showed a very informative video of the youth/church activities during the past year. Her video showed the youth involved in several different projects, including Habitat for Humanity and the Carolina Cross Connection. Becky has worked with the youth in several different projects this year as well as serving as a member of the Commission of Church Life and Education for the Eastern NC Association. She will be a facilitator for the Sr. High Retreat at BRAG for the Southern Conference during 1999.

Arch Aitcheson had the Confirmation Class for 1998-99 to help him with his year-in-review presentation. As Arch gave highlights and showed pictures of his many activities and projects during the year, the confirmands (Jeff Wilkins, David Brown, Sarah Bragg, and Claire Welborn) recited the Affirmation of Faith. Included in Arch's video were pictures from his most recent "Healing the Children" trip to the Dominican Republic. The presentation was very creative, interesting and informative.

Jim Lyon was introduced as the Moderator for 1999. Jim accepted the position for the new year, and thanked Katherine Floyd again for the fine work she had done during 1998.

Our new Moderator presided over the pending business. The names of the new board members were read, and a motion was made by Arch Aitcheson to accept as submitted, with a second by Gayland Welborn. A motion was made by Earl Danieley to accept the proposed budget for 1999, and seconded by Ray Covington.

With all business conducted, the meeting was adjourned by Jim Lyon.

Respectfully submitted,

Jimma Causey
Secretary
January 24, 1999

Dear friends in Christ,

On this 50th anniversary of One Great Hour of Sharing, I am grateful for an opportunity to thank you for your participation in this offering and to honor the memory of Henry Knox Sherrill, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church from 1947-1958. His commitment to ecumenism and his compassion for the suffering people in Europe after World War II gave rise to the lasting legacy of One Great Hour of Sharing. In 1949 he called on churches in the United States to join together to heal the wounds inflicted by humanity's greed and alienation from the source of all life.

Remarkable work has been done by all our communions over the span of half a century. It is a joy to know that the United Church of Christ is part of this network of caring and sharing ministries that reach around the globe. People thirsty for clean water find it in wells of remote villages of Africa and Asia. In Latin America, marginalized people have new opportunities to live their lives with dignity because their sisters and brothers in our churches support programs of community development. Men and women, wounded by war and loss, recapture their honor and restore their lives by finding ways to feed their families and contribute to their communities. All of these stories warm our hearts, and inspire us to continue in faith and strength.

As we work for the reign of God on earth as it is in heaven, let us continue this grand ecumenical response, sharing with others that which our creator has so graciously given to us. Let us also thank God for this opportunity to show a reflection of the love of Christ to a broken and needy world.

Yours in Christ,

Paul H. Sherry

Paul H. Sherry, President
United Church of Christ



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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
1999
MEAL PREPARATION FOR ALLIED CHURCHES
EMERGENCY NIGHT SHELTER

First Friday	Group	Contact Person
January 1	Mary Ruth	Mary Ruth
February 5	Board of Missions	Wally Snyder
March 5	Youth Groups	Becky Peeler
April 2	Board of Evangelism	Linda Vogg
May 7	Board of Christian Education	Sue Shipley
June 4	Circle 1	Hilda & Ralph Oxford
July 2	Circle 2	Katherine Floyd
August 6	Music Department	Darla Bray/Betty Dillashaw
September 3	Seekers Sunday School Class	Louis Wilkins
October 1	Board of Deacons	Beth Wilkins
November 5	Layman's Fellowship	Earl Danieley
December 3	Board of Trustees	Earl Danieley

All suppers served at 7:30 p.m.

We greatly appreciate your committee providing the meal on the 1st Friday night of the month suggested. A big "thanks." You may call the shelter anytime at 222-0749 to get an estimated number of guests.

Board of Missions
Mary Ruth 584-4619 (home)



EASTER EGG HUNT/BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS FOR ALL CHILDREN !

APRIL 3, 1999
10:30 – 11:45 am

Parents will be needed to accompany children ages 0-4 years.

All children need to bring 3 plastic Eggs to share and and a basket.

COME JOIN IN THE FUN !

March, 1999

YOUTH NEWS

Elon College Community Church, UCC

March 28, 1999

HEAVEN? WHERE IN THE WORLD IS IT?

Come discover how you feel about heaven? Is it out there somewhere? Or is it life today and your attitude? Come join us in this discussion. **SEE YOU AT 6:00 PM ! Snack Supper will be served.**

VOLUNTEERS FOR SHELTER MEAL

Volunteers are needed to help provide food and help serve the Shelter Meal on March 5, 1999.

Our church is responsible for the Meal each month on the first Friday of the month. This year the Mission Board has assigned us the responsibility of serving on March 5. Becky will be calling you to ask for assistance soon ! Food will need to be at the church no later than 6:30 pm on Friday, March 5. Youth and adults to help serve will need to be at church by 7:00 pm on that date.





ICE SKATING TRIP....MARCH 6, 1999

An ice skating outing has been planned for March 6.

COST: $ 6.00 Admission

$ 2.00 Rental

SKATING SESSION: 8:00 – 9:50 PM

TIME OF DEPARTURE: 6:45 pm

RETURN: 10:45 PM

Please let Becky know if you are going by March 1, 1999.



A story from your Global Ministries . . .

"...praising God and having the good will of all the people."
Acts 2:47a (NRSV)

MESSAGES FOR MUSLIMS IN TURKEY

Ken and Betty Frank serve in Turkey, Betty as librarian with the American Collegiate Institute in Izmir and Ken in Christian-Muslim relations. Last year on home assignment, they were truly bridge-builders as they faithfully shared messages from Muslim friends with U.S. Christians. As they gave their more than 100 programs in UCC and Disciples congregations across the country, they asked what message Christians would want them to take back to their Muslim friends and colleagues in Izmir. Betty reports that one woman was silent for a long time. Then she began to weep as she finally said, "We love you and we respect you."

Here are some of the other responses people gave:

- We want to know ordinary Muslims better, and give them a chance to know us, so that we can destroy stereotypes.
- Why is there such a division between us? Is it necessary?
- We see you as acceptable to God as we think we are.
- We are having a difficult time as Christians becoming more open and inclusive and loving.
- We are ashamed by the refusal of the United States to pay what it owes to the United Nations.
- God is larger than only one religious tradition.
- Don't draw conclusions about individual Christians from the behavior of some churches or countries.
- We are not the people you see on American TV shows. We know you aren't the ones we see on TV.
- There is no typical Christian.

You make the difference . . .

The prayers and help you provide through your local congregations make possible the work and witness of *GLOBAL MINISTRIES*, which is supported by Basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) of the United Church of Christ.



LANCASTER
THEOLOGICAL
SEMINARY

February 1, 1999

Elon College Community Church
PO Box 625
Elon College, NC 27244-0625

Dear Friends of Lancaster:

Many thanks for your gift of $100.00 to the annual fund at Lancaster Seminary. It is received with our gratitude, and we want you to know that it underwrites an educational program crucial for the life of our churches.

The new year finds us active in many areas: We are pleased to announce the receipt of a major grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc. for new programs in support of ministry. On January 5 we sent with good wishes 21 students and two faculty to Jordan, Israel and Lebanon. They traveled for three weeks as part of our cross-cultural program, which requires all students in the M.Div. to visit Christian communities in different cultural settings. We are also in the midst of two searches for new faculty in anticipation of the retirements of Professors John Payne and Robert Webber. So far the candidates have been very impressive. Last September we welcomed the Rev. Sally Brown (Worship and Preaching) and Dr. James Vijayakumar (Old Testament and Missions) to our faculty. Dr. Vijayakumar comes from Bangalore, India, and will be with us for three years. A new group of students will join us this month.

We continue to believe that the major challenge facing our society is not the Y2K problem, but ill will, violence and unbelief. There is still a great need for good news, and we are persuaded that it is found in the grace and peace of Christ. So we thank you for your prayers, goodwill and financial support.

Sincerely yours,

Peter Schmiechen
President

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March 1999

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
	1 10:30am Circle 1 7:00pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Circle 2	2 10:30am Staff 7:30pm Circle 3	3 7:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm
7 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 4:00pm Youth Handbells 5:00 Chancel Ringers 6:00 Mass 7:00pm Pastor/Parish 10:00pm Mass	8 10:00am Women's Fellowship/MissionCmte. 7:00pm Cub Scouts	9 10:30am Staff 7:00pm PFLAG	10 7:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm
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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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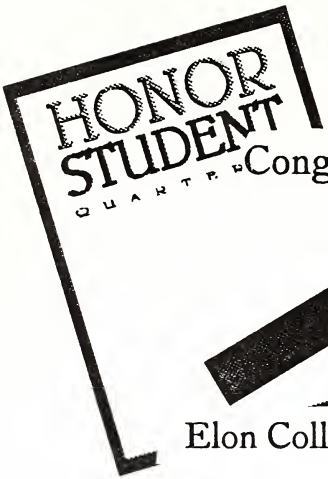
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ACCOUNT	CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR)	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE	OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR)
INCOME						
TOTAL INCOME	22.047.36	22.047.36	19.448.75	2.598.61+	233.385.00	11.411.76
TOTAL RENTAL INCOME	1.990.00	1.990.00	1.041.50	948.50+	12.498.00	975.00
TOTAL OFFICE INCOME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
TOTAL SALES TAX REFUND	.00	.00	66.67	66.67	800.00	.00
TOTAL VBS TUITION & FEES	.00	.00	4.17	4.17	50.00	.00
TOTAL GENERAL REFUNDS	1.267.07	1.267.07	12.50	1.254.57+	150.00	191.35
TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	1.394.52	1,394.52	.00	1.394.52+	.00	535.26
TOTAL Interest	346.66	346.66	50.00	296.66+	600.00	482.42
TOTAL Misc. Income Accts	10.01	10.01	.00	10.01+	.00	.00
TOTAL INCOME	27.055.62	27.055.62	20.623.59	6.432.03+	247.483.00	13.595.79
EXPENSES						
TOTAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME	143.00	143.00	.00	143.00+	.00	.00
TOTAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	100.00	100.00	100.00	.00	3.045.00	100.00
TOTAL OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	1.115.00	1.115.00	1.111.20	3.80+	15.424.00	1.115.00
TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSES	556.18	556.18	253.15	303.03+	3.770.00	364.26
TOTAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	947.41	947.41	478.65	468.76+	2.900.00	196.29
TOTAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES	74.36	74.36	37.35	37.01+	550.00	.00
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP	38.98	38.98	612.13	573.15	7.425.00	448.31
TOTAL SALARY EXPENSES	10.103.09	10.103.09	13.103.29	3.000.20	157.807.00	9.403.18
TOTAL Facility Operation Exp.	4.807.30	4.807.30	4.411.04	396.26+	53.270.00	4.056.75
TOTAL Misc Expense Accts	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	17.885.32	17.885.32	20.106.81	2.221.49	253.591.00	15.683.79
NET TOTALS	9.170.30	9.170.30				2.088.00-

1999 Elon College Community Church Usher List

1st Sun. - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
2nd Sun. - Tommy Oakley, Steve Perry, Ray Turner, Linda Vogg
3rd Sun. - Bill Beyer, Joseph Davis, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
4th Sun. - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler
5th Sun. - Ken Bensen, Walter Boyd, Jim Lyon, David Ruth



Congratulations to our Honor Students



Appalachian State University
Named to the Dean's List
Rachel L. Dillashaw

Elon College Elementary School, Flexible Schedule
Named to the A Honor Roll
Laura Brown

East Carolina University
Name to the Chancellor' list
Amanda Leigh Jourdan

Named to the Dean's list
Marie Elizabeth Acquilano

THANK YOU ....

THE YOUTH WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THE ANNUAL VALENTINE DINNER. TO PARENTS, TO EARL FOR THE BREAD, TO THOSE WHO ATTENDED, TO ARCH AND JOY, WE SAY "THANKS"!

BLOOPERS

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Spring Council Retreat will be hell March 26.

February 12, 1999

Rev. Arch Aitcheson
Elon College Community Church
Elon College, NC 27244

Dear Arch:

For eight years now my mother has been a resident of the skilled care section of Twin Lakes Center–widowed, away from her home state, her home church and her few remaining elderly peers. She exists deep in the dense, lonely fog of dementia.

There have been three people who have given extremely generously of their time and beautiful souls to help feed Mother and to give her individual attention and loving care. They are Mrs. Evelyn Terrell, Ms. Nina Matlock and Mrs. Elizabeth Pickard. As you now, two of these people are long time members of our congregation. In gratitude for what their saintly deed have meant to us, my brother, my sister and I are enclosing a small donation for the steeple fund in their honor.

Also, I would like to express appreciation for the copies of the sermons which she receives. Although she cannot read them, they are meaningful to me. As I share them with others, they represent the caring of Elon College Community Church. Another fine gesture that was important to me were visits by Stephens Minister to my mother.

Only families who have had or have a similar situation can truly understand the significance of the actions of Mrs. Terrell, Mrs. Pickard, and Nina! Thanks be to God for those who demonstrate their caring in such wonderful ways!!

Sincerely,

Ann Vickers

Scoutmaster Jim Brown Receives District Award of Merit

Troop 51's Scoutmaster received the District Award of Merit at the Alamance District Banquet on January 28. The award is given each year to three outstanding scouters in Alamance County.

Scoutmaster Brown, Assistant Scoutmasters Rollin Heinzerling, and Rick Snider and Den Leaders Mary Kazcor and John Smith received Training Awards in recognition of their completing training, and meeting national program and leadership standards during their tenure in the troop and pack.

The following leaders in the troop and pack received service awards: Junior Bare, 35 years; Rollin Heinzerling and Mack Scott, 20 years; Jim Brown, Alton Trott, and Rick Snider, 10 years

At the banquet Pack 51 received the Quality Unit Award and the National Summertime Pack Award. Troop 51 was recognized with the Quality Unit Award, the 100% *Boys' Life* Award, and the National Camping Award.

Women's Fellowship and Mission Committee

March 8, 1999 Program

"Indonesia"

EVERYONE IS INVITED! The date is March 8, Monday, at 10:00A M in the Parish House. The Women's Fellowship and Mission Committee will jointly sponsor a program on Indonesia. Please bring a sandwich; soup, drinks, and sweets will be provided.

The Reverend Miles Walburn, a former missionary to Indonesia who later became Treasurer of the Board for World Ministries, will be our presenter. After retiring from the BWM he returned to Indonesia as a volunteer and continues to keep in touch with mission personnel there. He is now living in Chapel Hill where he is an active participant in the local UCC congregation, the Eastern North Carolina Association and Southern Conference. We are fortunate to have his expertise on this part of the world.

Indonesia is the ecumenical choice of international study this year for a significant reason. It is the world's fourth largest nation with a population of over 200 million people. It is made up of thousands of tropical islands and is a fascinating kaleidoscope of ethnic and religious diversity with both the world's largest Muslim population and the largest number of Protestant Christians in Asia. It is moving from one of the poorest nations on the globe to becoming a major player on the world's economic stage. Most recently there has been unrest and hostility between religious groups with the burning of mosques andchurches. Learn what is causing this outbreak of hatred and violence and what the church is doing to promote understanding and healing.

Kathleen Flagel
Ministry Com. of Women's Fellowship

Dear UCC,
I want to thank you so much for your support with Habitat for Humanity's spaghetti dinner. Also, I want to thank you for letting us use your parish house. Thank you so much.
God Bless,
Erica Waldmann

New Members of ECCC:

Rev. & Mrs. Ray Good (Carol)
3125 Kensington Place
Burlington, NC 27215
(336) 586-9475

Mr. & Mrs. George Padgett (Valerie)
Children: Joshua and Amanda
1709 Stratford Road
Burlington, NC 27217
(336) 584-4528

P-flag (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)

In February, a chapter of P-Flag began to meet monthly in our church. P-flag stands for Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Thirteen people attended from Alamance County along with a few parents from Greensboro who came to support our new group. This degree of participant support at a first meeting seems to indicate the strong need for this support group.

P-flag is an extensive organization with approximately 438 chapters across the United States. It is growing at the rate of about 15 percent a year. It is helpful, not only to parents of gay and lesbian children, but to the homosexual children themselves. Some of them are struggling to decide how to tell their parents about their sexual orientation.

In the last five years, new P-flag chapters have been formed which meet at a Quaker church in Greensboro and a UCC church in Chapel Hill. They are good support groups of honest and loving people. But it is daunting to have to drive every month to another county at night. There needed to be a P-flag chapter in Alamance County.

It is appropriate for our denomination to host the group locally. The United Church of Christ is supportive of gay and lesbian concerns. Its tolerant Christian position has led other denominations in rejecting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. There is a national UCC parents' organization which helps UCC families integrate their understanding of Jesus' teachings with their love and pride in their homosexual children.

Thank you for welcoming this group at our church.

Allied Churches of Alamance County, Inc.

Serving the hungry, the poor, the homeless and the elderly in our community

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Burlington, NC 27216-2581

01/20/1999

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Elon College Community U C C
P O Box 625
Elon College NC 27244-0625

Your financial support is essential for our work among the poor, homeless, hungry, and elderly in our community. We are grateful for your generosity during this year, which has enabled us to assist thousands of your neighbors in crisis.

According to our records, the following had been received from you in 1998.

DATE	CHECK NO.	GENERAL FUNDS	CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE	SHELTER	KITCHEN	CARING & SHARING	SOUPER BOWL
01/22/1998	6216	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
03/05/1998	6327	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	130.26
09/03/1998	6671	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
09/03/1998	6671	60.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10/28/1998	6790	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	GEN FUNDS	CH ASSIST	SHELTER	KITCHEN	CARE&SHAR	SOUPER BOWL
	1230.77	1100.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	130.26

Your Pledge for 1998 was: 0.00

Any contributions mailed by December 31, 1998 may be treated by you as deductible in 1998. If you have any questions about the above information please call our office.

Your contribution is 100% tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services have been provided in connection with this contribution. Keep this receipt. Your contribution may make you eligible for a new North Carolina tax credit if you don't itemize deductions on your federal tax form. See the instructions in your state tax booklet. This can take dollars off what you owe in state income tax.

Thank you again for your continuing support. Your partnership will maintain our services among the poor of Alamance County, providing shelter, food, and security to those in greatest need.

Spencer W. Bradford
Executive Director

Allied Ministries

Ministries Center Offices
336-229-0881
Facsimile 336-229-4265

Christian Assistance Network
336-229-1519

Good Shepherd Community Kitchen*
336-229-4343

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January 22nd, 1999

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Dear Sharing Neighbor,

We at Allied Churches are very grateful for your donation of $22.17 to our ministries as we begin the new year. With your support, we've been driving some shelter guests to and from work. With your support, a mother of five has had a place for her family to eat and sleep while they look for a more permanent residence. You've helped us keep some families in their homes in spite of health crises that have cost them income needed for utilties and medicine. Thanks to you, we've also kept some senior citizens self-sustaining in their homes through rides our volunteers give them to a store or a medical appointment. Many of these needs grew in 1998, and will see more demand this year. Gifts like yours continue to let us address such needs.

If your donation was mailed in December, you can treat this contribution as made in 1998 for tax purposes, even though we receipted it in 1999. This donation will be reflected on Allied Churches' 1999 reports though, rather than 1998. Also, with donations like this, you may be eligible for savings you haven't seen in the past on your North Carolina income tax if you don't itemize your deductions on your federal taxes. Even a few dollars saved on your taxes can help. See the instructions in your state tax booklet, consult your tax preparer, or call our Director of Development, John Russell, for more information.

I'm going to ask you to carry out the same resolution I ask every January of our donors: this year, tell a friend or neighbor why you support Allied Churches -- not how much you give, but why you think our ministries and services are important. Encourage them to give or to volunteer also. That's how many of our donors, volunteers, and even board members get introduced to our guests and neighbors. I hope you have a happy new year.

Blessings and Peace,

Spencer W. Bradford
Executive Director

ELON Homes for Children

The Barringer Center for Child Development • Therapeutic Foster C
Crisis Care • High and Moderate Management Residential Care
Lakeside Charter Public School • Kennedy Charter Public Schoo
Preparation for Adult Living • Vocational Learning

REV. DR. FREDERICK G. GROSSE
President

January 20, 1999

Rev. Archie Aitcheson
Elon College Community UCC
PO Box 625
Elon College, North Carolina 27244-0625

Thank you very much for this wonderful support.

Dear Arch:

Greetings to you in this new year. I would like to begin the new year by saying "thank you" to you for your financial support of our home in 1998. Your gifts have helped Elon Homes for Children continue to provide effective and innovative programs, well trained staff, and an encouraging environment to children who might have otherwise faced an adolescence of abuse and neglect. The hope and healing we together provide makes all the difference to these boys and girls. Please accept my heartfelt appreciation for your support in 1998. I hope and pray that your support will continue to grow in the years ahead.

Listed below is the total amount of your received contributions for 1998. We are supplying this to you as a help with your 1998 tax filings and a way to say "thank you" for the generous amount of financial assistance.

Your 1998 contributions to Elon Homes for Children total $650.00.

On behalf of the Board of directors, staff, and children, best wishes in 1999 for a year filled with abundant blessings and opportunities.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Frederick G. Grosse
President

Our tax ID number is 56-0543225

Elon Homes for Children at Elon College
Snyder Campus
P.O. Box 157
Elon College, NC 27244
(336) 584-0091
FAX (336) 584-4026
http://www.elonhomes.com

Elon Homes for Children at Charlotte
Kennedy Campus
P.O. Box 472527
Charlotte, NC 28247
(704) 542-3310
FAX (704) 543-6628

ACCREDITED

New Members to Be Received

We plan to receive new members at the Service of Worship on March 21, 1999. If you were unable to attend the New Member's Orientation on February 28 and wish to be in the next class received let the church office (584-0391) know as soon as possible.

We welcome all who join us in living our mission:
"Living Christ in Today's World!"

Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

Flowers for MARCH

Mar 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fairfield
Mar 14 - Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boyd
Mar 21 - Mr. and Mrs. Don Williamson
Mar 28 - Mr. Robert Kittinger

Ushers for MARCH

Mar 7 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
Mar 14 - Tommy Oakley, Steve Perry, Ray Turner, Linda Vogg
Mar 21 - Bill Beyer, Joseph Davis, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
Mar 28 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler

Acolytes for MARCH

Mar 7 - Leigh Ann Denny/Rebecca Perry
Mar 14 - Jeff Wilkins III/Nicole Williamson
Mar 14 - David Brown/Miranda Rich
Mar 14 - Christine Fogleman/Anna Wilkins

Greeters for MARCH

Mar 7 - Joseph and Rebekah Davis
Mar 14 - George and Carol Oakley
Mar 21 - John and Dolores Truitt
Mar 28 - Norma Watson and Wilma Williamson

Nursery for MARCH

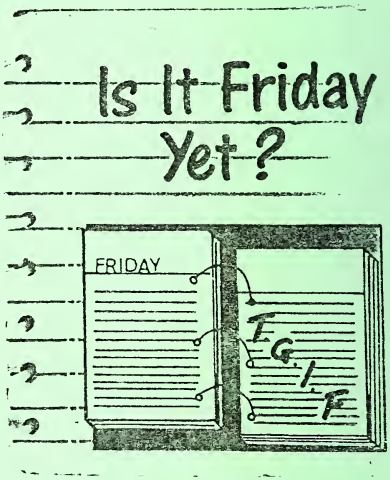
Mar 7 - Patsy and Ralph Jourdan
Mar 14 - Carol and George Troxler
Mar 21 - Mike and Lorie Goodwin
Mar 28 - Earl and Verona Danieley

Second Hour Child Care for MARCH

Mar 7 - David and Christy Ruth
Mar 14 - Mike and Janet Mayse
Mar 21 - Kim and Steve Perry
Mar 28 - Sue Brown/David Brown

Church Attendance for

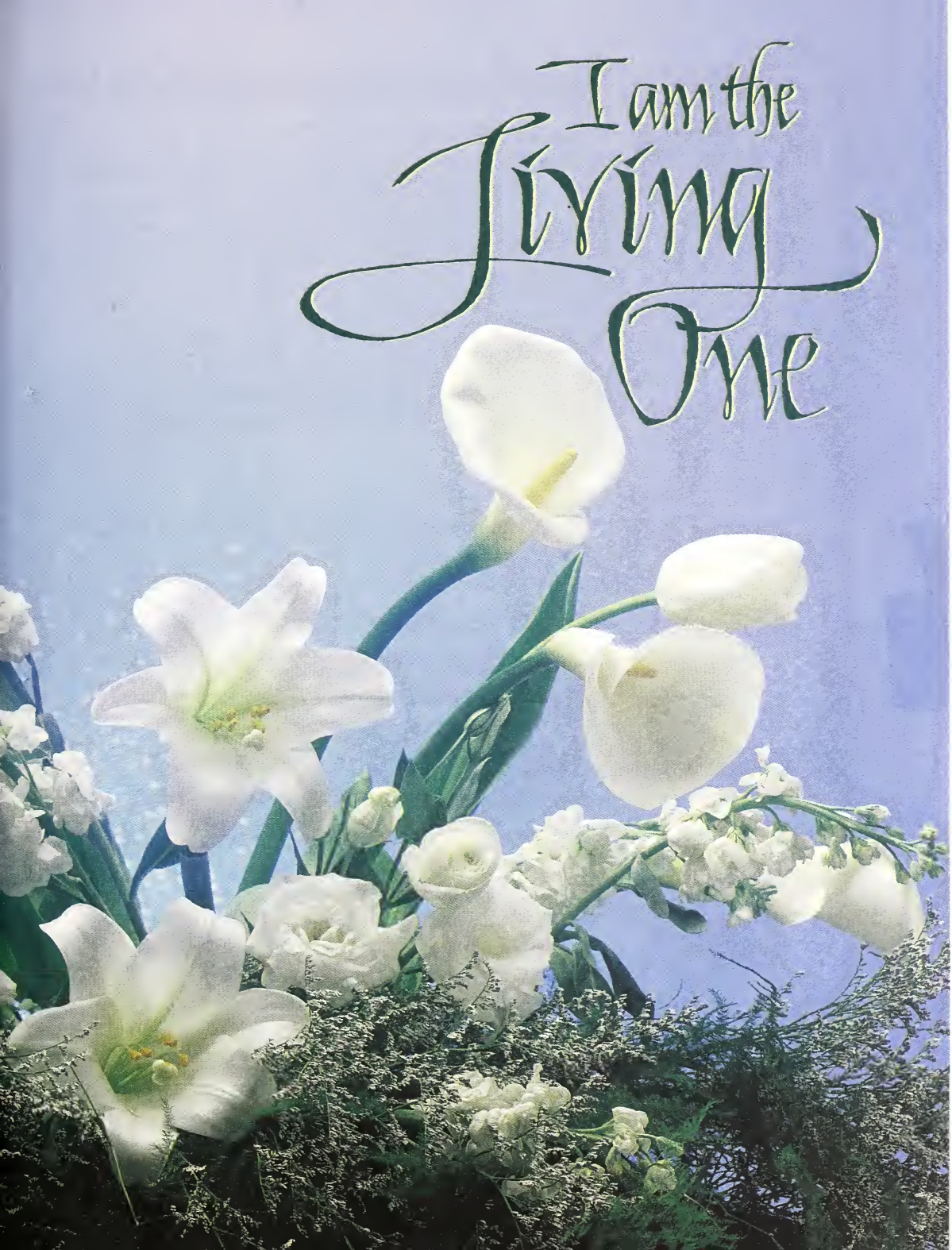
Jan 31 - 183 Feb 7 - 230
Feb 14 - 174 Feb 21 - 173



EXAM BAGS

TIME FOR CONTRIBUTIONS.
DEADLINE, SATURDAY,
APRIL 24TH.

ASSEMBLE BAGS-MAY 2ND
DELIVERY-MAY 2ND & 3RD


I am the
Living
One



Like the Fragrance of the Lily

The aroma of the sea of white lilies that grace the altar step
permeates the vast sanctuary embracing each soul
who journeys there seeking Easter joy and hope!
The fragrance dances like alleluias sung for a promise kept.

Here is the fragrance of life proclaimed in songs of praise,
filling the emptiness of human suffering and loss
where hearts have been seeking wholeness again.
Sacred love's perfume is offered in the hymns believers raise!

Like the fragrance of the lily, God's grace reaches deep
embracing the human spirit and offering peace
as Jesus rises above death's cold and musty tomb!
Easter proclaims the fresh scent of an eternity we keep!

We wait for the smell of Spring's freshness and life's return
breathing deep the smell of blossoms ever so sweet
as Winter fades out of our senses' olfactory grasp.
Jesus Christ is Eternal Spring, Easter's lesson learned!

And the fragrance of God touches our lives tenderly,
refreshing our lives with a brand new start
and awakening us to a new sense of intimacy!
The Victorious Savior brings us close to God, eternally!

Like the fragrance of the lily
We are perfumed and anointed in Grace!

A blessed Easter!

Arch Aitcheson, Pastor and Teacher



God Plants the Seeds of Joy !

Join us for a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast on April 25, 1999 At 9:00 AM in the Parish House.

All teachers of Children, Youth, and Adults are encouraged to be in attendance. This is the CE Board's way of saying:

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Gracias

Thank You

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4 March 1999

Greetings from Nashville!!

I hope this finds all of you well and happy in Elon College! My spring break begins tomorrow (actually 5 pm today!) and I have decided that I will not do any more work today, which leaves time to send this much-belated letter to my church family!

Life in Nashville is good, extremely busy as always, but I continue to be glad to be here. There actually appears to be an end to this master of divinity program in the near future for me. In many ways, it seems to have flown by! After this semester, I will have only 10 hours left of the degree to complete until I get my diploma. So, my coursework will be completed in either in December 1999 or May 2000 and I will get to walk across the stage in May 2000. Hallelujah! I do love school, but am also looking forward to being finished and pursuing a job in ministry full-time.

For now, I am working as a youth minister at a United Methodist Church here in town, I've been there since August half-time. Beginning in May, I will be doing full-time work until the end of this summer. It is a large, urban church with a full-time ministerial staff of five and two of us from the divinity school. Much bigger numbers than I have been accustomed to in the UCC congregations of which I have been a part! This is a good job, with a good staff. I've learned much and enjoy working with the youth. As is often the case, they teach me and give me much more than I could ever return to them.

Half of my spring break will be spent in Cleveland at the UCC's annual meeting of the Board of Homeland Ministries. I'm fortunate enough to have the opportunity to be a member of the board as one of the co-conveners of the Council of Theological Students. Last year's meeting was great, I was able to meet incredible people and talk to people from so many different places in the UCC. Talking with students from other divinity schools and seminaries is always wonderful, and I am looking forward to seeing friends I made last year as well as meeting the new folks on the council this year.

Recently, I have been discouraged by the news I hear of various aspects of the Christian tradition of which we are a vital part. One of my African-American colleagues has had to leave the church where she was serving as a pastoral intern because of racism - in its subtle, yet unfortunately still far too pervasive presence in the Christian church. Another of my colleagues has changed denominations due to the stance on women in the ministry of her denomination. A friend of mine who has incredible gifts for pastoral ministry has completed all the requirements for her Master of Divinity degree. She is unemployed in her church and has been refused ordination because her life partner is also a woman. Discussion in my theology classes is also often rather depressing about the state of the church, about the lack of inclusiveness and often judgmental stances. And, then, I received the March newsletter of Elon College Community Church. I read a brief description of PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), followed by an explanation of the chapter of this organization that has been formed in Alamance County

and is meeting in our church building. There are places where a group such as PFLAG would not be welcome. Many of my fellow students tell me repeatedly that the church will never be welcoming of the diversity of humanity. I tell them they are wrong, that there does not have to be complete agreement on all issues for a community to be welcoming of all persons. Welcoming PFLAG into Elon College Community Church's space is an encouraging and affirming act of the love and grace of God for all persons. I am taking the newsletter with me to class after spring break, to give evidence to my colleagues that there is a place for all persons in our church. No community will ever be perfect in its actions or unspoken policies, but I continue to believe the church is a vital and living community, capable of affecting great change in our world as we commit to live together seeking the peace, love, and grace of God. Elon College Community Church affirms this belief over and over again.

In the midst of the craziness of school, work, and all the other aspects of life, I often realize that I neglect and/or pay too little attention to the sacredness of these extra-ordinary days we live. Sunday is most often a work day and not much of a sabbath, of a restful, restoring, sacred time. I forget that every day is valuable and an encounter of the Divine. Lent is a powerful season of the church for me, in remembering and learning to live again and again the journey we all must take in order to be fully alive and wholly ourselves in the search for the work of peace and justice that God calls us to be about. Seems to me that Lent calls us to learn to stop a little bit more and walk a little slower even though our schedules tell us to go even faster, to pay greater attention to all whom we encounter along the way. Those whom we meet when we believe there is no time to stop and talk may be the very ones who we will learn from the most.

In this Lenten season, I hope and pray for much peace for each of you. As we journey together, to seek peace and justice - to truly live in love with one another - I am grateful for the presence of Elon College Community Church in my life. Your support, prayers, and encouragement continue to feed me and help sustain. I look forward to the opportunity to be among you again, though it is never soon enough! Many blessings -

Much love,

Heather

Circle Two of the Women's Fellowship will meet on April 5 at the home of Betty King, 1513 Keogh St., Burlington, at 7:30p.m.

March 1999

FRIENDS AT ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
PO BOX 625
ELON COLLEGE NC 27244

Dear FRIENDS AT ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

We are glad to write and joyously affirm your congregation for being among the most generous in your Conference in giving to **One Great Hour of Sharing** in 1997. This openhandedness and largeness of heart enable the UCBWM ministries of development, disaster response, refugee resettlement and social service to continue in over 70 countries around the world.

Here are a few of the things that happened because you gave:

Vulnerable refugees in war-torn Kosovo received food, medicine and other essentials

Income generation and social assistance programs went forward in Iraq, still suffering from the U.S. embargo.

Food relief was sent to Sudan, where many innocent children and elderly are displaced and in danger of starvation.

Survivors of flooding in India and Pakistan, an earthquake in Bangladesh and rioting in Indonesia received desperately needed aid.

Malnourished families in North Korea and the Philippines were fed and typhoon victims assisted.

Food was distributed in Argentina, help to survivors of fires and drought in Brazil, humanitarian relief to Cuba and building materials to a tornado-ravaged partner school in Paraguay, and of course survivors of Hurricane Mitch were aided.

Relief reached those suffering from El Nino-related weather conditions as well as fires in Florida, and United Church of Christ volunteers were trained and stepped into the field to lend their expertise to survivors in our own backyard.

Please give generously on March 14th, or whenever your congregation receives the **One Great Hour of Sharing** Offering. Much is accomplished through your contributions.

Sincerely,

Linda

Linda Petrucelli, Executive for Global Sharing of Resources

NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

This year the women of the church are studying the life of Queen Lili'uokalani, the last queen of Hawaii. In April the topic will be "Imprisoned and Free".

Circles will meet as follows:

Circle	Date	Time	Place	Hostess	Program Leader
I	Apr. 5	10:30 a.m.	Church Library	Josie Huey	Sara White
II	Apr. 5	7:30 p.m.	Home of Hostess	Betty King	Beth Wilkins
III	Apr. 6	7:30 p.m.	Church Library	Melva Foster	Frances Longest

Circle members are requested to bring non-perishable food to the meeting for the church's food pantry.

All women in the church are eligible to join the Women's Fellowship. If you are interested, contact Beth Wilkins, our membership chairman. or any other member of our group. We are always looking for new members.

Submitted by

Veona Daniels

YOU CAN HELP STAMP OUT HUNGER!

Save used postage stamps and contribute to the Help Stamp Out Hunger program. $45,400 has been raised to date this way.

Cut out a small border around the stamp and send:

foreign stamps
large U.S. commemorative stamps
U.S. $3 and up
unused U. S.
first day and other unusual entire envelopes
collections
If in doubt, send it on.

Place these in the box on shelf near church office and it will be forwarded to Americus, Ga. where it is collected. Thanks for helping. Katherine Floyd, Missions Com., Women's Fellowship

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
(12/12) 2 MONTHS
CCB General Checking Acct
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TOTAL VBS TUITION & FEES	.00	.00	8.34	8.34	50.00	.00
TOTAL GENERAL REFUNDS	.00	1.267.07	25.00	1.242.07+	150.00	191.35
TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	55.00	1.449.52	.00	1.449.52+	.00	630.26
TOTAL Interest	10.98	357.64	100.00	257.64+	600.00	496.72
TOTAL Misc. Income Accts	498.00	508.01	.00	508.01+	.00	.00
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EXPENSES						
TOTAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME	.00	143.00	.00	143.00+	.00	455.26
TOTAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	100.00	200.00	800.00	600.00	3.945.00	175.00
TOTAL OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	1.115.00	2.230.00	2.222.40	7.60+	15.424.00	2.230.00
TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSES	125.94	682.12	506.30	175.82+	3.770.00	458.83
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Circle 3 will meet Tuesday, April 6, at 11:30a.m. in the Seeker's classroom. Bring a sandwich to enjoy during program.

Mrs. Ruth L. Hurst

Ruth L. Hurst, 97, formerly of Elon College, died on March 13, 1999, at Casa de Modesto Retirement Center in Modesto, California. She was born May 19, 1901, in Worth County, Missouri.

A graduate of Defiance College, in Ohio, she taught school in South Dakota, New York, and at the Cable School in Elon College. She was married to the Reverend Doctor Alfred W. Hurst for 70 years prior to his death in 1994. They served churches in many areas, including Elon College where Dr. Hurst was the pastor of the Elon College Community Church and a member of the college faculty from 1929-1932. In 1969, they returned to Elon College where Dr. Hurst served as the Campus Minister and Assistant Professor of Religion until 1974. He was named Pastor Emeritus of the Community Church.

Mrs. Hurst was a member of the Elon College Community Church, the Women's Fellowship of the Church which honored her with a life membership, and the Elon College Book Club.

Mrs. Hurst is survived by two sons, James Hurst of Modesto, California, and Rolland Hurst, of Millersville, Pennsylvania, eleven grandchildren, and fourteen great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 17, in the Oakdale Christian Church, in Oakdale, California. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Alfred W. and Ruth L. Hurst Memorial Scholarship, College Box 2600, Elon College, NC.

Thanks to everyone for their cards and messages during my recent illness.

Thank You,

Jane Rinker

To: Members and Friends of the Elon College Community Church

Dear Friends: I would like to thank you for all the lovely "Get-Well" Christmas cards, etc. that you sent me while I was sick in the hospital and at home.

I am better now; I am taking chemotherapy treatments and am hoping that this will take care of things.

I didn't know I had so many family and friends to help during this time; it was just over-whelming. Thanks again for your thoughts, your prayers and your visits during my illness.

Love to all,

Ruth Dunn

P.S. My new address is: Miss Ruth Dunn, The Oaks, 1670 Westbrook Ave. Durlington, N.C. 27215.

February 17, 1999

Pastor Arch and Church Family:

Thank you for adding me to the prayer list. Prayer changes things and I need all the help I can get.

With love,

Elizabeth Parker

Rev. Arch and Church Family,

Words can't express how much my friends, and my church family means to me, I thank you all for "Prayers and Gifts" and all the love you send my way. I love you all as much. Many people will walk in and out of your life but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.

Love in Christ,

Carolyn P. Richardson



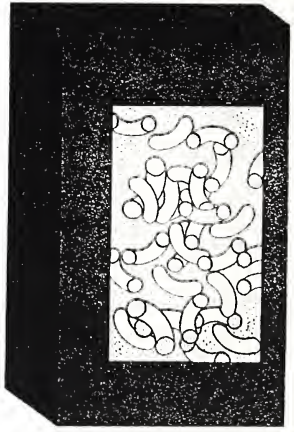
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BEANS, PLEASE!

Sometimes it's hard to ask others for help

Our Food Pantry Needs:

Breakfast Cereals
Tuna
Flour
Sugar
Rice
Macaroni & Cheese
Toilet Paper
Toothpaste
Shampo
Bar Soap

And: Carrots
Canned Potatoes
Spaghetti Sauce
Instant Pudding
Jelly
Dish Detergent
Kleenex
Dry Milk



Life's journey
is easier
when you hear
a friend's footsteps
beside you.

APRIL 1999



Time to Spring Forward

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
4 **EASTER SUNDAY** 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 4:00pm Youth Handbells 5:00pm Chancel Ringers	**5** 10:30am Circle I **OFFICE CLOSED** **EASTER MONDAY** 7:00pm Cub Scouts 7:30pm Circle 2	**6** 10:30am Staff 11:30am Circle 3	**7** 7:00pm 8:00pm
11 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 4:00pm Youth Handbells 5:00 Chancel Ringers 6:00pm & 10:00pm Mass 6:00PM Youth Fellowship 6:30pm Church Nite	**12** 7:00pm Cub Scouts	**13** 10:30am Staff **Noon: TORCH Deadline** 7:00pm PFLAG	**14** 7:00pm 8:00pm
18 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Noon Mediterranean Meal Noon Personnel Committee 4:00pm Youth Handbells 4:00pm Grief Support 5:00pm Chancel Ringers 5:00pm Nominating Committee	**19** 7:00pm Cub Scouts	**20** 10:30am Staff	**21** 7:00pm C 8:00pm A
25 9:00am Teacher Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 4:00pm Youth Handbells 5:00pm Chancel Ringers 5:00pm Children's Fellowship 5:00pm Stewardship Committee 6:00pm & 10:00pm Mass	**26** 7:00pm Pack Meeting 7:00pm Stephen Ministry Supv.	**27** Noon: Lunch Bunch	**28** 7:00pm C 8:00pm A

***4/18/99 6:00pm Youth Fellowship**
****4/25/99 7:00pm Budget/Finance Committee Meeting**

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:30am Breakfast Bible Club 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Svc.	2 7:00pm Good Friday Service 7:30pm Shelter Meal(Evglm/Vogg)	3 10:30am Easter Egg Hunt
8 7:30am Breakfast Bible Club	9 6:45pm Special Friday's	10
15 7:30am Breakfast Bible Club	16 Confirmation Retreat	17 Confirmation Retreat
22 7:30am Breakfast Bible Club	23 Boy Scouts (Van Resd)	24 Boy Scouts (Van Resd)
29	30	

BLOOPERS

*Verse 3 will be sung without musical accomplishment.

*Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

GOOD NEWS FOR CONSECRATING STEWARDS . . .
Living Christ in Today's World!

PRESENTED AT WORSHIP ON MARCH 14, 1999

There's a young couple in our church family who visit the office almost every week with four to five grocery bags for our Food Pantry. These are more than non-perishable items. Each delivery includes a complete grocery order for a family, with food, personal care items, sweets, soda, bottled water and the like.

This stewardship act is easily taken for granted. But a few weeks ago the impact of this act was put into perspective.

I had a telephone call from ALAMANCE CARES, a community organization that provides care and support for persons with HIV/AIDS. The director spoke to our Stephen Ministers a few weeks back and was told of our Food Pantry. She told me that there was an Elon College family in financial crisis because of the toll medications and treatments had taken upon their income. They had no food and it would be days before she could get them the support that would be needed long term. Would we help!

The grocery bags were there on the office floor. I said, "Sure!" A short while later a small slender man, who was obviously very ill, came to get the groceries. When he saw what we had he wept openly and asked why a church would want to help a person unknown to them!



I answered, "Because Jesus Christ wants us to do such! God loves you and in Jesus we are all family!"

A few bags of groceries became a sign of God's love and grace.

He hugged me and tearfully expressed his thankfulness to the church!

It was Stewardship in Action!

HELP TURN OUR CHURCH INTO A TROPICAL RAIN FOREST

There is a need for the following items to be either donated or loaned to help create a **wild** environment.

Green Crepe Paper
Artificial Foliage
Artificial Flowers
Empty Cereal Boxes



Hershey's Kisses
Gold wrapped chocolate coins
Unpopped popcorn



Posters of jungles or jungle animals
Air mattresses/inner tubes
Neon colored tennis balls
Ping-Pong balls
Black Plastic

TREASURE HUNT™
Bible Adventure

4 – 5 ft. Wooden Cross

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Your help is needed with the preparation of Exam goodie bags for our college students...

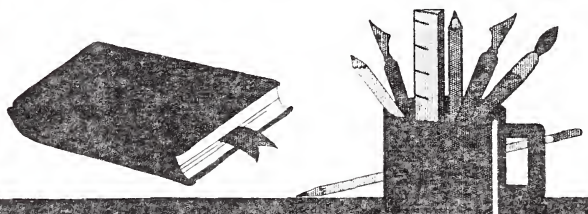
1. *The following contributions are needed by April 24:*

   microwave popcorn
   hard candy
   packets of coffee or hot chocolate mix
   tea bags
   gum
   post-it notes
   postal cards with stamps
   HOMEMADE COOKIES

   no chips please

2. ***Help is needed in assembling the bags Sunday, May 2 at 3 p.m.***

3. ***Help is needed to deliver the bags on Sunday, May 2 and Monday, May 3.***



CALLING ALL **ADVENTURERS !**

DISCOVERY SITE LEADERS ARE NEEDED TO JOIN US ON OUR TREASURE HUNT BIBLE ADVENTURE:

Discovery Site Leaders are needed in the following areas:

Treasure Hunt Sing & Play
Craft Cave
Jungle Gym Games
Treasure Treats
Bible Exploration



CLUE CREW LEADERS WILL ALSO BE NEEDED.

If you love Jesus, and love children, come and join us this summer. Contact Becky for more information



" Join **Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure:** Where the Bible is the map and Jesus is the treasure."



You're Invited to an All Church Fellowship Luncheon!

Sunday, April 18 12 noon
Church Parish House

Catered by *Nick's Cuisine*

Menu: MEDITERRANEAN

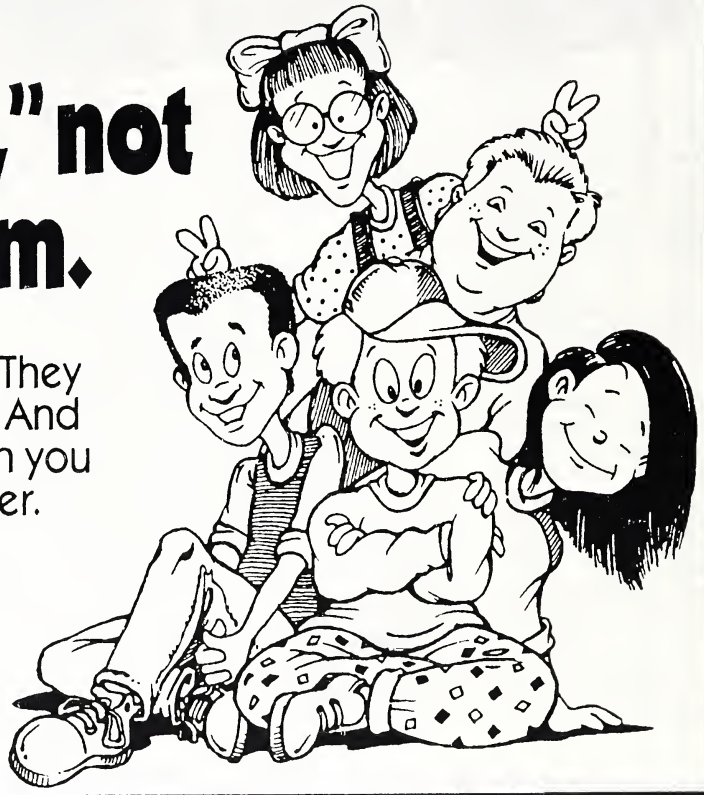
$8 Per Person

Tickets will be sold Sunday April 4 and Sunday April 11 before and after worship or Contact Linda Vogg at 538-1925 or the Church Office

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

Jesus said "Feed my lambs," not "baby-sit" them.

Kids in our church depend on you. They need to know that someone cares. And what better way to show how much you care than as a Sunday School teacher.



JOHNS RIVER VALLEY CAMP

JUNIOR CAMPS

A variety of activities makes the experience both enjoyable and educational. Consider swimming, making crafts, enjoying campfires, tubing, singing, discovering new friends, sharing in worship, hiking, playing games, accepting challenges, shooting archery, telling and listening to stories, and just having a good time.
Remember, "camp gives kids a world of good."

JUNIOR AGE 1
directed by Rev. Brent Price
June 20-26; $208.00; grades 4, 5 & 6; mainsite (see description A)

JUNIOR AGE 2
directed by Ms. Nora Driver
July 4-10; $208.00; grades 4, 5 & 6; mainsite (see description A)

BEGINNERS
directed by Ms. Sue Howell
& Rev. James Humphrey
July 18-21; $114.00; Grade 3 only; mainsite camp
First time campers get a sampling of Johns River.

EXPLORERS
directed by staff
July 18-24; $208.00; grades 5 & 6
Experience the best of both mainsite and outpost by spending half the week in each location.

JUNIOR AGE 3
dir. by Mr. Brad Bradshaw
July 25-31; $208.00;
grds. 4, 5, 6; mainsite
(see description A)

MIDDLE HIGH CAMPS

Bridge these transition years with challenging new opportunities. Add to the list of younger camper activities ... short canoe trips, visits to new waterfalls, advanced initiatives, and optional campouts. And keep in mind that "camp gives kids a world of good."

MIDDLE HIGH 1 [Classic]
dir. by Rev. Gary Owen & Rev. Steve Butler
June 13-19; $208.00;
grades 7, 8 & 9; mainsite camp
Unique experiences only to this camp include a day trip to Footsloggers Climbing Tower in Boone and a Blue Ridge trail hike.

MIDDLE HIGH 2 [Recreation]
directed by Rev. John Roberts
June 27-July 3; $208.00; grades 7, 8 & 9; mainsite
Options include mountain biking (for campers who can bring their own mountain bike & helmet), camping, and expanded opportunities using gaming models for recreation and growth.

MIDDLE HIGH 3 [OUTPOST/climbing]
directed by Rev. Jeff Hammonds
July 4-10; $218.00; grades 7, 8 & 9; outpost site
Campers live in A-frame cabins removed from mainsite area, and develop outdoor living skills. Features of this camp include an extended canoe trip on an area river and a rock climbing experience.

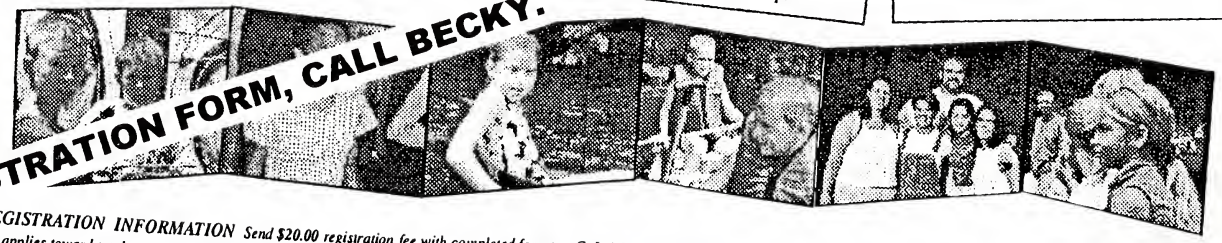
MIDDLE HIGH 4 [OUTPOST/caving]
dir. by Rev. Jim Staunton & Rev. C. L. "Curly" Stumb
July 25-31; $218.00; grades 7, 8 & 9; outpost site
Campers live in A-frame cabins removed from mainsite area, and develop outdoor living skills. An extended canoe trip on an area river and a caving experience will highlight this outpost camp.

SENIOR HIGH CAMPS

Camp gives kids – of any age -- a world of good. Senior High camps offer a diversity of choices, from the classic mainsite camp to the high adventure outpost experience. All offer a variety of camp activities, with opportunities... to renew friendships from past camps, share life amidst a community of faith, and just enjoy a fun filled week of recreation.

SENIOR HIGH ADVENTURE
directed by Rev. Ron Price
& Rev. Scott Woody
June 13-19;
$262.00; grades 9-12; outpost
Campers are challenged by high-adventure activities including white water rafting, rock climbing and rappelling, group initiatives, and wilderness camping. Life at the A-frames blends the fun of campfire circles, the responsibilities of shared living, and the discipline of spiritual journeys.

SENIOR HIGH [Classic]
directed by Rev. Lee Jessup
& Mr. J. J. Sumner
July 11-17;
$208.00; grades 9-12 mainsite
Family and interest groups, water activities, night at A-frames, trip to Harper Falls, and a dance are all components of this vibrant camp.



FOR REGISTRATION FORM, CALL BECKY.

ACCREDITED CAMP
ACA
American Camping Association

REGISTRATION INFORMATION *Send $20.00 registration fee with completed form to: C. L. "Curly" Stumb, director Johns River Valley Camp; 1055 Niley Cook Road, Blowing Rock, NC 28605*
☐ *Advance fee applies toward total cost of camp. Registration fees are refundable when a 30 day notice is given prior to the camp.* ☐ *Registrations should be postmarked at least two weeks before the beginning of any given program. Some events and camps may fill up earlier.* ☐ *Persons will receive various follow-up information after the registration has been processed (ie medical forms for camps ... generally place persons from the ...*

DEAR PARENTS:

Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime! This summer, **Elon College Community Church, UCC,** is taking kids on a rain forest expedition with **TREASURE HUNT BIBLE ADVENTURE.**



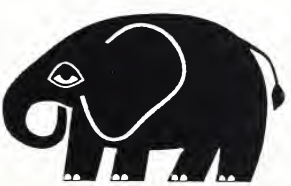
Each day your children will dig into Bible learning They can see…hear...touch...and even taste! Unique craft Items, team-building games, lively Bible songs, and healthy Treats are just a few of the Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure Activities that show kids that the Bible is the map and Jesus Is the Treasure. And the children will participate in a Missions Project.

TREASURE HUNT
Bible Adventure

TREASURE HUNT BIBLE ADVENTURE
IS Great fun for children of all ages; even teenagers will enjoy signing on as "Clue Crew Leaders" who help younger children.

So mark **July 12-18, 1999** on your calendar. The expedition starts at **6:30 PM,** and will wrap up at **8:45 PM.** Call **584-0391** to register your children for a Bible-Learning adventure they'll never forget.

Your Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure Director



A story from your Global Ministries . . .

"Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the end of the earth."
Isaiah 42:10

MUSIC FOR THE FAITHFUL

Tim and Diane Weible are engaged in rural evangelism in Japan, working with three small churches. They have written about the introduction of a new hymnal by the United Church of Christ in Japan, the name of which, *"Sambika 21,"* means Hymnal for the 21st Century. At first they found some churches reluctant to use the new hymnal.

Tim and Diane were excited about the new hymnal because of the new hymns (including some by composers like Brian Wren) and because of the wording. "When we first arrived in Japan six years ago, we were able to sing the old hymns without any trouble but we never understood the meaning of the words. We thought it was our lack of Japanese but we learned that the Japanese was very old and most young Japanese people didn't understand the wording either ....*Sambika 21* uses wording that even we can understand. There are more contemporary hymns mixed in with some of the old favorites."

They learned that the old hymnal not only used "old Japanese" but Japanese usually used in reference to the Emperor. For Christians who struggle to live with, but stand opposed to, the Emperor system, this kind of language is very problematic. Despite knowing this, some church members continued to be opposed to the new hymnal. "The complaints were that the wording was no longer the familiar wording that they had learned as a child, or that they didn't know the new hymns at all. Suddenly, this sounded very familiar to me and I realized that wherever you go, it is hard for people to accept change and give up what has become familiar and comfortable." Little by little Tim and Diane were able to help these same members open their hearts enough to realize that the wording that brings them comfort is not understood by the younger generation and may even keep them from worshiping God. Most of the churches they visit have made the change.

You make the difference . . .

The prayers and help you provide through your local congregations make possible the work and witness of *GLOBAL MINISTRIES*, which is supported by Basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) of the United Church of Christ.

You are invited to the

Joint UCC Palm Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, March 28, 1999

7:00 pm

Lakeview Community United Church of Christ

Deacons

The deacons received the "Deacon In Care" list. Each church member will be contacted. Call your deacon if you are in need.

Several members were added to the prayer chain. Please remember those listed in your prayers.

New members have been added to the usher list and a training session was held in March. If you wish to serve the church as an usher, please contact Bill Ruth.

The confirmation class continues to meet with sponsors. Confirmation Sunday is May 23.

Lou Harper, Deacon

A story from your Global Ministries . . .

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."
Psalm 46:1 (NRSV)

PRAY FOR BURMA

March 14 is worldwide Day of Prayer for Burma, where civil war and the repression of ethnic minorities has forced thousands of people into refugee camps along the Thai-Burma border. It is here that Karen and David Eubank are engaged in a varied ministry which includes supporting evangelists as well as a Bible distribution program among the Karen and Karenni refugees.

Based in Chiang Mai, they "trek into the Talako-Karen area each month, renewing friendships, sharing the gospel, and providing medical treatment for anything ranging from gunshot wounds to decaying teeth." At one border hostel for children, Samuel, the hostel-father, has created a new church of 40 members. Last summer on one trek to the area Karen and David carried a nine-year-old blind girl, who attends a school for the blind in Chiang Mai, back to her village where she amazed her family with what she had learned.

"Of grave concern inside Burma are the thousands of internally displaced persons. These are people who have fled or been removed from their homes by force but cannot or do not want to go to a refugee camp in Thailand. We assist in short missions to these Internally Displaced Persons, sending in teams of evangelists and medics who give comfort and hope as well as medicine, Bibles, and hymnals. For those Christians who have fled their homes and lost everything, the most desired object is a Bible or hymnal. And for non-Christians, what is needed most is hope, not a false hope in promises of immediate peace or victory, but the true hope that Christ gives us; that he will never leave us or forsake us, that He gives us peace now; that He will redeem all situations, and that we will live eternally with God."

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***GLOBAL** MINISTRIES* March 1999

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our Sunday Services

owers for APRIL

pr 4 - Mr. and Mrs.
pr 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Liscum
pr 18 - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cheek
pr 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Roger King

shers for APRIL

pr 4 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
pr 11 - Tommy Oakley, Steve Perry, Ray Turner, Linda Vogg
pr 18 - Bill Beyer, Joseph Davis, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
pr 25 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler

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pr 4 - Jesse Chatfield/Robert Danieley
pr 11 - Leigh Ann Denny/Rebecca Perry
pr 11 - Jeff Wilkins III/Zach Welborn
pr 11 - Miranda Rich/Nicole Williamson

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pr 18 - Steve and Kim Perry
pr 25 - Ken and Lou Harper

Bulletin Board Update for APRIL

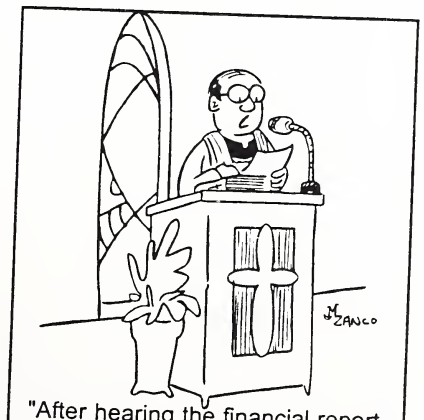
Apr 4 - Fred Grosse
Apr 11 - Christy Ruth
Apr 18 - Kim Perry
Apr 25 - Olga Griswold/Liz Bensen

ursery for APRIL

pr 4 - Ann and Kim Acquilano
pr 11 - Robin and Mike Gregory
pr 18 - Susan and Bill Menikheim
pr 25 - Luci Spivey/Mona Atkinson

econd Hour Child Care for APRIL

pr 4 - Helen and Bill Rippy
pr 11 - Lynn Denny/Leslie Denny
pr 18 - Gayland Welborn/Mark Danieley
pr 25 - Patsy and Eddie Oliver



M.L.Zanco (c)MMI

hurch Attendance for

eb 28 - 179 Mar 7 - 180
ar 14 - 155 Mar 21 - 157

CROSSROADS: Sexual Assault Response & Resource Center

VOLUNTEER TRAINING
Spring 1999

CRISIS INTERVENTION & COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES

Sat.	April 10	10am-3:00pm
Tues.	April 13	6pm-8:30pm
Thurs.	April 15	6pm-8:30pm
Tues.	April 20	6pm-8:30pm
Thurs.	April 22	6pm-8:30pm
Tues.	April 27	6pm-8:30pm
Thurs.	April 29	6pm-8:30pm
Tues.	May 4	6pm-8:30pm
Thurs.	May 6	6pm-8:30pm

RECRUIT YOUR FRIENDS!
CALL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION
228-0813

Training & manual are provided free of charge
Breakfast & pizza lunch on Saturday
Snacks & drinks also provided for evening sessions

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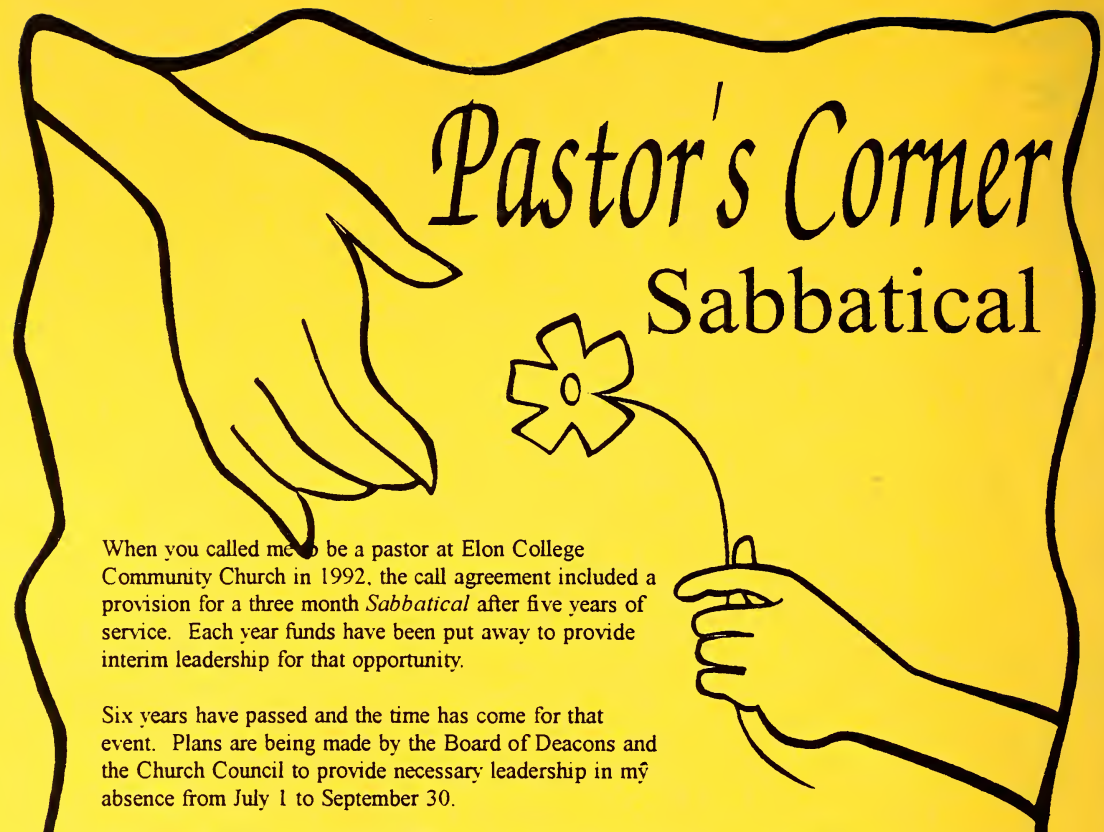
THE TORCH
MAY 1999



NEWSLETTER FOR:

Pastor's Corner

Sabbatical



When you called me to be a pastor at Elon College Community Church in 1992, the call agreement included a provision for a three month *Sabbatical* after five years of service. Each year funds have been put away to provide interim leadership for that opportunity.

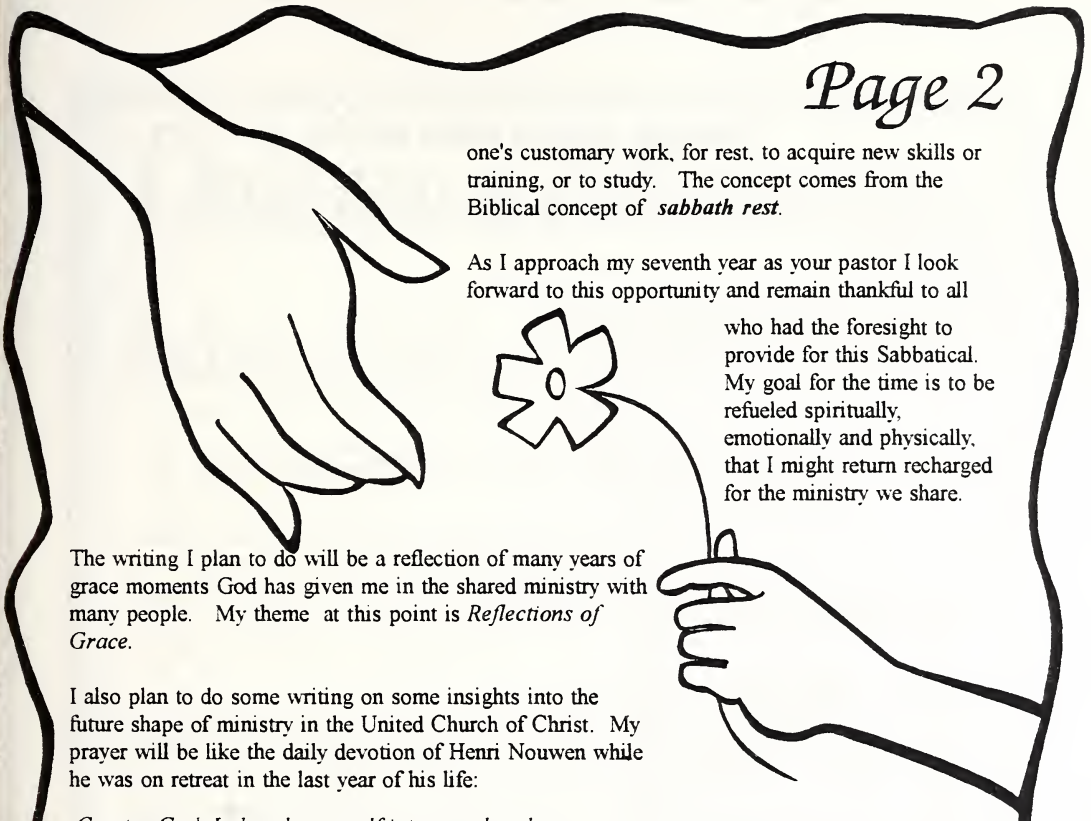
Six years have passed and the time has come for that event. Plans are being made by the Board of Deacons and the Church Council to provide necessary leadership in my absence from July 1 to September 30.

Earl Danieley has volunteered to serve in an administrative capacity for those months, taking on the day to day business and leadership tasks normally held by the pastor. He is also coordinating a "preachers schedule" inviting some of your favorites to fill the Sunday Morning Worship slots in my absence. We are also in the process of interviewing a "Sabbatical Interim Pastor" who will handle the emergencies that require a pastor and serve as the key worship leader for the duration. This will be a paid position. Your Board of Deacons will be taking weekly "Deacon-On- Call" assignments so that you will have a contact person in the evening after church office hours.

I will be away. At this point I know that I will be in Richmond Hill, Canada at the L'Arche Daybreak Community, a spiritual home for me. There I will volunteer at New House for two weeks assisting and learning from housemates who are emotionally and physically challenged. For the three weeks following I will remain at Daybreak at Dayspring where I will take a spiritual retreat and will begin work on at least one book I hope to publish. Dayspring is a sanctuary for those who need renewal and challenge in their spiritual journey.

At the end of July Liz will join me for a train excursion across Western Canada. Then she will return home, while I move on to Connecticut for a visit and more writing. The balance of the time will be spent in North Carolina and further south.

The word *Sabbatical* comes from a Greek Word ***sabbatikos*** from the root word, ***sabbat(on)***, which means *Sabbath*. A Sabbatical is a time that offers an extended period of leave from



one's customary work, for rest, to acquire new skills or training, or to study. The concept comes from the Biblical concept of ***sabbath rest***.

As I approach my seventh year as your pastor I look forward to this opportunity and remain thankful to all who had the foresight to provide for this Sabbatical. My goal for the time is to be refueled spiritually, emotionally and physically, that I might return recharged for the ministry we share.

The writing I plan to do will be a reflection of many years of grace moments God has given me in the shared ministry with many people. My theme at this point is *Reflections of Grace.*

I also plan to do some writing on some insights into the future shape of ministry in the United Church of Christ. My prayer will be like the daily devotion of Henri Nouwen while he was on retreat in the last year of his life:

Creator God, I abandon myself into your hands.
Do with me whatever you will.
Whatever you may do, I thank you.
I am ready for all, I accept all.
Let only your will be done in me,
and in all your creatures.
Into my hands I commend my spirit.
I offer it to you with all the love that was in my heart.
For I love you, God of Grace, and so want to give myself,
to surrender myself into your hands,
without reserve and with boundless confidence,
for you are my Loving Parent. Amen.

I challenge you to pray these words daily with me in the months ahead. Everyone here will be in my prayers, too.

The drawing that highlights this pastor's corner, is from a painting that hangs at my "home" at Daybreak. It is a symbol of the gift of the spirit that come from the tiniest of us. I will grow at Daybreak as God once again will invite me to be humble and prayerful as those who our society labels as *broken* will minister to me. This will once again be a Sabbath rest.

Love,

Art

YOUTH NEWS FOR MAY

Youth meets at 6:00 PM . Snack Supper will be served.

May 2 – Silent Prayer Walk

What if you had to explain prayer to someone, what would you say? We all pray whether we are aware of it or not. Come discover how prayer helps us learn more about ourselves and God. Snack supper Parents: Dr. and Mrs. Leo Lambert

May 16 – Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream coat

We will be attending the performance by the Youth Choir of First Presbyterian Church. Your cost is nothing! Meet at regular time, 6:00 pm. Performance begins at 7:30 pm, Paramount Theatre, Burlington. What a great way to end the year! Snack Supper Parent: Mrs. Lynn Denny

Youth Officer Elections

Elections for Youth Officers for the 1999-2000 year will be held on May 16 before we leave for the musical. If you are interested in running for President(Sr. High only); Vice-President; Secretary; Fund-raiser Chair; Historian, read on: Submit an essay telling why you want to serve in that role, what qualities you feel you have to be effective ; what types of programs and activities you would like to do. Put your name on a cover sheet only and turn your essay into Becky by May 2. All essays need to be typed.

To All CCC Participants:

Training has been rescheduled for May 23 at 2:30 pm. Everyone needs to be there!



Children's Fellowship

May 30, 1999

Come join the fun !

5:00 pm

Snack Supper will be served.





"Some people come into our lives and quietly go. Others stay for awhile and leave footprints on our hearts and we are never the same."

TREASURER'S REPORT 3/31/99

GENERAL FUND

	Annual Budget	Monthly	3/31/99	Budget to 3/31/99	+/-
Income	$247,483.00	$20,623.58	$59,778.00	$61,870.77	($2,092.7
Expenses	$253,591.00	$21,132.58	$60,938.52	$61,745.43	($806.9
Deficit(-)/Surplus(+)	($6,108.00)	($509.00)	**($1,160.52)**	$125.34	**($2,899.6**

Funds on hand	3/31/99	Funds on hand	End of 1998
Checking	$6,665.97	Checking	$9,136.30
Money Market	$6,712.34	Money Market	$6,674.47
Total	$13,378.31	Total	$15,810.77
Designated/Liabilities	$28,356.12	Designated/Liabilities	$29,628.06
Actual on hand	($14,977.81)	Actual on hand	($13,817.29)
Reserve	$9,340.71	Reserve	$7,840.71
Net Available	**($5,637.10)**	Net Available	**($5,976.58)**

OBLIGATIONS NOT PAID TO DATE:

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING	$742.00
TOTAL NOT PAID:	$742.00

BUILDING\MEMORIAL FUNDS

	3/31/99		
Building Fund	$9,069.41	Checking	$538.26
Capital Fund Drive '96	($4,518.35)	Money Market	$14,664.32
New Fellowship Bld	$10,478.62	Certificate of Deposit	$9,965.62
Interest Received	$2,053.40	Total	$25,168.20
Interest Paid	($4,305.00)		
Other Memorials	$12,390.12	Anonymous Loan	$0.00
Total	**$25,168.20**	Net Available	**$25,168.20**

RSVP 584-0391



Behold! A place is
Prepared for You . . .

If you are a recent new member!

A Luncheon honoring
New Members who have joined the church in the Past six months or who have never been able to attend another one!

Sunday May 16, NOON!
in the Parish House

JOSEPH
And AMAZING
The TECHNICOLOR
DREAMCOAT



MAY 14th, 15th, & 16th – 7:30 pm
Paramount Theatre, Burlington, NC
For Tickets call 222-TIXS or 228-1703, ext. 216
Cost: Adults – $6.00 Children (under 12) - $4.00
Presented by : The Youth Choir of 1st Presbyterian Church

This Year Vacation Bible School is for Everyone ! Join us for an Adventure that is for all ages – adults, children, youth.

GET READY FOR THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME!

TREASURE HUNT™
Bible Adventure

Join us as we explore Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure! You'll enjoy cool crafts and wild games, experience thrilling Bible stories—from a shipwreck to walking on water—sample tasty snacks, and hear lively music. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!

EXPEDITION LOCATION:
Elon College Community Church
The Adventure Will Last:
July 12 – 16, 1999
TREASURE HUNTING BEGINS AT:
6:30 pm
TREASURE HUNTING ENDS AT:
8:45 pm
FOR MORE CLUES, CALL:
336/584-0391

Drop the following registration form in the offering plate at worship or mail to the church office by June 14, 1999.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone No. _____
Indicate category by circling one of the following:
Child Youth Adult



FOR THE TORCH...FOR MAY

Stop by the new water coolers near the office and have a cool drink of water thanks to an anonymous gift which was received recently.
***

The Board of Trustees is working on a plan to repair the church steeple. The cost will be approximately $65,000. Contributions toward this project will be welcomed.
***
The landscaping plan is still pending. In appreciation of the beauty of the springtime, you might like to make a contribution toward the beaufication of the church grounds.
***
Plans are being drawn for the possible installation of an elevator in the southwest corner of the Seekers Classroom. Total cost will be approximately $75,000. Is there someone who would like to contribute this amount? It might be possible for someone to fund the project, receive interest on the investment for life time, and then have the church receive the principal as an estate gift. Anyone interested? If so, talk with Earl Danieley.



We would like to congratulate Christine Fogleman for being selected as a member of the 1999-2000 "Elite Feet Cloggers." Christine was chosen as one of ten members for the Elementary Team which ages range from 9 – 14. In order to be chosen for the team, the students must either been invited to audition for the team or be a clogger for as least two years. Auditions were held on March 13, and the members were notified by mail if they were chosen. The "Elite Feet Cloggers" will be performing all across the state during the following year. Competitions will be held at Carowinds, N.C. State Fair and Maggie Valley, NC to name a few. Christine is 10 years old and attends Blessed Sacrament School where she has been a member of the "A" Honor roll. She is a 5th grade student although she has been placed in 6th grade math and reading. Please congratulate Christine when you see her!

Several members have asked how they may contribute to relief for the Albanian refugees from KOSOVO. You may do so by writing your check to the church, designating the gift to KOSOVO refugee relief through Church World Service. Our recent offering for One Great Hour of Sharing is also part of Church World Service. Because of fear of reprisal, Peace Corps workers in Macedonia have been moved to Bulgaria, where our own Beverly Beyer continues to work.



Board of Missions

Dear Members of the Elon College UCC,

I just wanted to give you a little thanks for your hospitality and use of the Parish House. The brunch brought several organizations together to fellowship in Jesus' name. This card can not truthfully represent the many thanks we need to give to you for the services you have provided in the past years. Thank you for giving so much.

God Bless,

Jeff Myers and Intervarsity



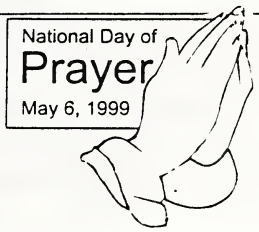
Sow Seeds of Kindness

Please sign up to assist Mary Mattern
with rides to her Doctor's appointments, and
Grocery/Drug stores.
And God will bless you with His love
and a lot of beautiful flowers!



May 1999

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
2 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 4:00pm Youth Handbells 5:00pm Chancel Ringers 6:00pm Youth Fellowship 6:00pm Mass 10:00pm Mass	**3** 10:30am Circle 1 7:00pm Cub Scouts 7:30pm Circle 2	**4** 7:00pm Circle 3	**5** 7:00pr 8:00pr
9 MOTHER'S DAY 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Noon Confirmation 4:00pm Youth Handbells 5:00pm Chancel Ringers 6:00/10:00pm Mass 6:30pm Church Nite	**10** 7:00pm Cub Scouts Bike Rodeo/Inspection	**11** 10:30am Staff 7:00pm PFLAG	**12** 7:00pr 8:00pr
16 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Noon New Member /Confirmation Lunch 4:00pm Youth Handbells 5:00pm Chancel Ringers 6:00pm Youth Fellowship 6:00pm Mass	**17** 7:00pm Cub Scouts	**18** 10:30am Staff **NOON TORCH DEADLINE**	**19** 7:00pn 8:00pn
23 CONFIRMATION Sunday 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 2:30pm Carolina Cross Connection Training 4:00pm Youth Handbells 5:00pm Chancel Ringers 7:00pm Stewardship Mtg	**24** 7:00pm Stephen Ministry Supervision 7:00pm Pack Mtg/Picnic & Graduation	**25** 10:30am Staff Noon Lunch Bunch	**26** 7:00pn 8:00pn
30 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 4:00pm Youth Handbells 5:00pm Chancel Ringers 5:00pm Children's Fellowship	**31** CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  MEMORIAL DAY		BUL BLO

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Arch Away **May 1 - 8, 1999** **Healing the Children/** **Dominican Republic**	
6 	7 6:45pm Special Friday's 7:30pm Shelter Meal(CE/Shipley)	8
13 7:30am Breakfast Bible Club 8:00pm Holy Day Mass	14 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal Boy Scouts (Van Resd)	15 6:00pm Wedding Boy Scouts (Van Resd)
20 7:30am Breakfast Bible Club	21	22
27 7:30am Breakfast Bible Club	28	29
The concert was a great success. Thanks to Pam who labored the whole evening at the piano, which as usual, fell upon her.	Morning Offertory: Jesus Paid It All.	

News from the Board of Deacons

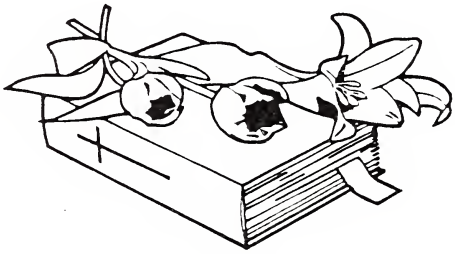
Every church member is on what we call a Deacon In-Care List. That means each of you have one deacon who is assigned to help you, listen, or just be there for you. You will receive a card or telephone call form your deacon to let you know who he/she is. Don't hesitate to call them. Soon the listing will be in the Torch. Sunday, May 2nd, you can connect the faces to names - as we introduce each deacon.

Confirmation for our of our youth, Sarah Bragg, Claire Welborn, Jeff Wilkins and David Brown will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 1999. These young people have been struggling in their minds and hearts to write down in words who God is, and what does He mean in their lives.

Stephen Ministry - four new members were commissioned as Stephen Ministers on Easter Sunday. Helen Rippy, Bill Rippy, Ray Covington, and Jimma Causey. We now have sixteen Stephen Ministers to help, to listen, and be present to those who are in need in any circumstance.

The deacons are preparing for extra responsibilities while our pastor is taking a much deserved Sabbatical during July, August, and September.

Plans are bing made to have people available for church services, for visitation, and for care when members and families need assistance. You will hear more about this in the next couple months.



The Elon College Chamber Ensemble Presents

A Clarinet Duet

Featuring

Thomas Turanchik & Jodi Varnese

May 9, 1999 at 3:00 p.m.

here at Elon College Community Church

Stephen Ministers Retreat



Above: Helen Rippy, Liz Aitcheson, Jimma Causey, Beth Wilkins, Sue Shipley, Bill Rippy (not shown Arch Aitcheson)

Let's welcome our New Stephen Ministers. The new ministers are Ray Covington, Jimma Causey, and Bill and Helen Rippy. These Stephen Ministers went on a retreat which was held at Covington Lodge on March 26-28, 1999.

Two of the Stephen Leaders, Sue Shipley and Beth Wilkins, were also present at the retreat, and Liz Aitcheson was a guest on the retreat.

HELP TURN OUR CHURCH INTO A TROPICAL RAIN FOREST

There is a need for the following items to be either donated or loaned to help create a **wild** environment.

Green Crepe Paper
Artificial Foliage
Artificial Flowers
Empty Cereal Boxes



Hershey's Kisses
Gold wrapped chocolate coins
Unpopped popcorn



Posters of jungles or jungle animals
Air mattresses/inner tubes
Neon colored tennis balls
Ping-Pong balls
Black Plastic

TREASURE HUNT™
Bible Adventure

4 – 5 ft. Wooden Cross



Vacation begins
May 30th, 1999

Summer Vacation

Children and Youth Sunday School Classes, your summer vacation begins on May 30th, 1999.
The 1999-2000 Sunday School year will resume September 12th, 1999.

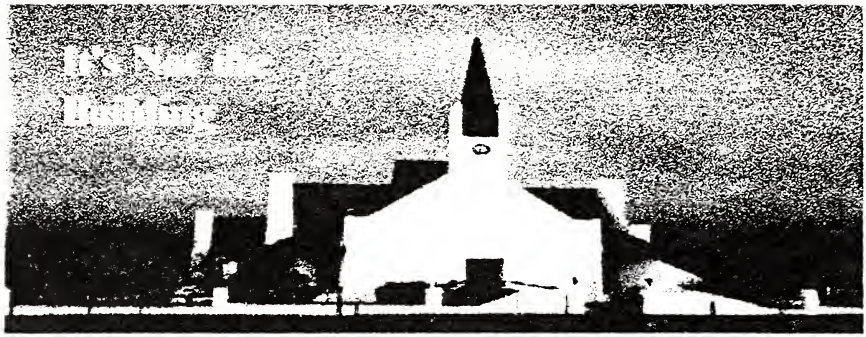
Through the Summer, we will continue Childcare for children ages 0–4 years during Sunday School and Worship Service.

Vacation Bible School will be held July 12-16, 1999 from 6:30 PM through 8:45 PM. Mark your calendar for the **Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure.**



Sept. 12th, 1999
1999-2000 Sunday School Year begins.

From the Board of
Christian Education



If you have been worshipping with us regularly, Why not become a Church Member or an Associate Member?

A New Members Information Class will be held at the home of Arch & Liz Aitcheson on May 16, 1999 at 7 p.m. New Members will be received on Confirmation Sunday,, May 23 at morning worship. Telephone 584-0391 for details!

It's ALL of US together !



ECCC Music

Your musical talent should be shared with your congregation!

Vocal Solos/Groups
Instrumental Solos/Groups

If you would consider singing or playing your musical instrument during a Sunday morning worship service this summer, please see Darla Bray this month at church or call the church office (584-0391) and leave a message for her to call you. Darla will need to know what you would like to sing/play during church and also when during the summer you are available.







The AC/ETC Capital Campaign Ends on June 1!

Have You Completed Your Pledge?

If not, help us by Completing it by the Closing Date!

$9,000 remains outstanding.

Thank You!

AC/ETC FUND SUMMARY AS OF 3/31/99

Summary By Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	Total
Income	$38,838.56	$23,046.75	$27,306.86	$5,729.34	$94,921.51
Expenditures	($74,971.05)	($17,468.81)	($3,500.00)	($3,500.00)	($99,439.86)
Interest Paid	($254.67)	($3,555.33)	($495.00)	$0.00	($4,305.00)

Expenditures

	(Estimated)	(Actual)
New Air Conditioning System	$74,971.05	$75,092.49
Paving Parking Lots (April 1997)	$16,600.00	$16,347.37
Tithe Projects:		
Habitat for Humanity of Ala County	$5,000.00	$5,000.00
Seminary Scholarship Fund	$5,400.00	$3,000.00
Interest on loan	$6,000.00	$4,305.00
Total	$107,971.05	$103,744.86

Pledge Status

Pledged Income	$104,900.00
Total Available (Pledged+Memorials)	$104,900.00

Pledges Received as of 3/31/99	$94,921.51
Outstanding Pledged Income	$9,978.49

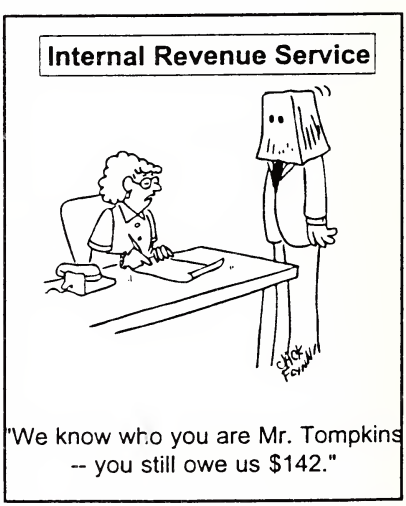
Memorials Pledged to AC/ETC	Account #	
Clemm	8551	$205.00
Schmidt	8552	$650.00
Vickers	8560	$673.00
Woosley	8565	$572.50
Total		$2,100.50

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
(12/12) 3 MONTHS
CCB General Checking Acct
REPORT DATE: 03/31/99

ACCOUNT	CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR)	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE	OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR)
INCOME						
TOTAL INCOME	15.740.78	52.268.83	58.346.25	6.077.42	233.385.00	50.692.71
TOTAL RENTAL INCOME	975.00	2.965.00	3.124.50	159.50	12.498.00	2.925.00
TOTAL OFFICE INCOME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
TOTAL SALES TAX REFUND	.00	.00	200.01	200.01	800.00	452.56
TOTAL VBS TUITION & FEES	.00	.00	12.51	12.51	50.00	.00
TOTAL GENERAL REFUNDS	.00	1.267.07	37.50	1.229.57+	150.00	191.35
TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	952.00	2.401.52	.00	2.401.52+	.00	1.827.26
TOTAL Interest	9.93	367.57	150.00	217.57+	600.00	553.79
TOTAL Misc. Income Accts	.00	508.01	.00	508.01+	.00	.00
TOTAL INCOME	17.677.71	59.778.00	61.870.77	2.092.77	247.483.00	56.642.67
EXPENSES						
TOTAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME	.00	143.00	.00	143.00+	.00	575.26
TOTAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	.00	200.00	800.00	600.00	3.045.00	175.00
TOTAL OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	1.615.00	3.845.00	3.833.60	11.40+	15.424.00	3.745.00
TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSES	212.24	894.36	759.45	134.91+	3.770.00	771.33
TOTAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	2.065.20	3.762.61	735.95	3.026.66+	2.800.00	408.45
TOTAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES	.00	93.76	112.05	18.29	550.00	336.98
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP	312.18	1.133.48	1.961.39	827.91	7.925.00	599.00
TOTAL SALARY EXPENSES	15.369.41	36.870.09	39.309.87	2.439.78	157.807.00	32.583.76
TOTAL Facility Operation Exp.	5.184.65	13.307.88	14.233.12	925.24	62.270.00	12.701.34
TOTAL Misc Expense Accts	170.00	688.34	.00	688.34+	.00	.02
TOTAL EXPENSES	24.928.68	60.938.52	61.745.43	806.91	253.591.00	51.896.14
NET TOTALS	7.250.97-	1.160.52-				4.746.53



Circle 3 will meet Tuesday, May 4th at 7:00pm at the church.



"We know who you are Mr. Tompkins -- you still owe us $142."

Jack Flynn (c)MMI

A story from your Global Ministries . . .

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:39 NRSV)

MISSION AND MINISTRY IN ARGENTINA

Timothy and Jodi Bobbitt are missionaries in Buenos Aires, where Tim is pastor of the Saavedra congregation and Jodi is involved in health ministries at the Community Center in La Tablada, which includes "Casa del Nino," a pre-school children's program.

Tim and Jodi have written about their efforts to reach out in their community where violence and drugs are increasing. In describing their emphasis on children and youth they wrote, "New leaders stepped up to take on the task of our church youth group. It grew from about 12 children a week to over 20 each week. Several of the children whose parents do not attend worship are also beginning to join us on Sunday mornings. The addition of Sunday School for both children and adults has been quite a hit. Other new activities include an evening basketball program and school tutoring, which have been very successful. We are looking forward to a large pastor's class with baptisms at Pentecost."

The "Casa del Nino" is the only free pre-school in their impoverished area. The program provides two meals a day, a shower and tutoring for 50 children age 5 to 15. Children are referred to the program by schools or other organizations because of learning disabilities or behavior problems. The children come from poor neighborhoods where families don't have the means to deal with these problems. The Bobbitts write, "They are a challenging group at times but are grateful for the opportunity to come to the center."

One of Jodi's most important duties is health education. Some of her programs have included dental health care, lice prevention and nutrition. When she last wrote she was planning some new workshop themes dealing with violence, positive self image and serving others.

You make the difference . . .

The prayers and help you provide through your local congregations make possible the work and witness of *GLOBAL MINISTRIES*, which is supported by Basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) of the United Church of Christ.

Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

Flowers for MAY

May 2 - Dr. and Mrs. Martin Shotzberger
May 9 - Judge and Mrs. Marsh McLelland
May 16 - Mrs. Vera Dixon
May 23 - Dr. Bill Andes
May 30 - Mrs. Beth Schmidt

Ushers for MAY

May 2 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
May 9 - Tommy Oakley, Steve Perry, Ray Turner, Linda Vogg
May 16 - Bill Beyer, Joseph Davis, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
May 23 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler
May 30 - Walter Boyd, Jim lyon, David Ruth, Ken Benson

Acolytes for MAY

May 2 - David Brown/Laura Brown
May 9 - Christine Fogleman/Anna Wilkins
May 16 - Jesse Chatfield/Robert Danieley
May 23 - Leigh Ann Denny/Rebecca Perry
May 30 - Jeff Wilkins, III/Zach Welborn

Greeters for MAY

May 2 - Brent and Kay Hensley
May 9 - Bill and Mary Ruth
May16 - Floyd and Maxine Rich
May 23 - Bill and Helen Rippy
May 30 - Eric and Melody Allshouse

Bulletin Board Update for MAY

May 2 - Patsy Jourdan
May 9 - Christy Ruth
May16 - Kim Perry
May 23 - Linda Vogg
May 30 - Sue Shipley

Nursery for MAY

May 2 - Linda Raker/Leigh Ann Denny
May 9 - Lou Harper/Meg Wilkins
May 16 - Jim and Lorene Lyon
May 23 - Beth Schmidt/Hilda Oxford
May 30 - Maxine Rich/Miranda Rich

Liturgists for MAY

May 2 - Nell Snyder
May 9 - Ken Harper
May 16 - Open
May 23 - Earl Danieley
May 30 - Gayland Welborn

Second Hour Child Care for MAY

May 2 - Bill Linde/Katherine Floyd
May 9 - Laura Chatfield/Matt Mayse
May 16 - Jimma Causey/Kim Webb
May 23 - Marie Wilkins/Jeff Wilkins, III
May 30 - Christy and David Ruth

Church Attendance for

Mar 28 - 187 Apr 4 - 312 Apr 11 - 166
Apr 18 - Apr 25 - 178





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The Torch
June/July 1999

NEWSLETTER FOR:



The June Torch is given in honor of Mark McAdams by George and Carole Troxler

The Pastor's Corner

At the final dinner of an international conference, an American delegate turned to the Chinese delegate sitting next to him, pointed to the soup, and asked, somewhat condescendingly, "Likee soupee?" The Chinese gentleman nodded eagerly.

A little later, it was, "Likee fishee?" and "Likee meatee?" and "Likee fruitee?" - and always the response was an affable nod.

At the end of the dinner the chairman of the conference introduced the guest speaker of the evening - none other than the Chinese gentleman, who delivered a penetrating, witty discourse in impeccable English, much to the astonishment of his American neighbor.

When the speech was over, the speaker turned to his neighbor and, with a mischievous twinkle in his eye, asked, "Likee speechee?" [1]

Our world is plagued by the misconceptions we hold about other people and cultures. Many of us in this culture view the world around us through lenses that cloud our relatedness to the rest of the human family.

The cloudiness is caused by the incorrect premise that we are the only truly civilized society in the world. We are proud as a nation, but often that pride is not founded in the principles of the men and women who established us as a nation. More often than not it is based upon our smug attitudes of superiority and narrow views of our mission as a people.

Unfortunately, we continue our condescending attitudes toward any person or group who appear different from us. Then we find ourselves in trouble. Conflict and misunderstanding are fed and grow into monstrous proportions.

That is the reality of today's Yugoslavia and Kosovo. It is the reality of the strained relations between the United States and China. This

reality is played out in neighborhoods and in our own families. Whenever a human soul judges another human soul we can count upon disastrous results.

Jesus instructed us not to judge others. He told us "to remove the log from our own eye, before we tried to remove the speck from the eye of our brother or sister."

As we approach another celebration of Independence Day this July, we need to examine ourselves a bit more carefully. In true humility, we need to own our own failure in areas of human rights and in international understanding. In the spirit of God's mercy we need to reevaluate our relationships with neighbors, friends and families.

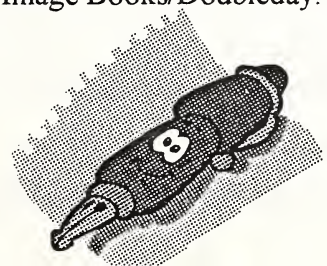
If we truly believe that God has blessed us as a nation, then we must be agents of God's blessing to the rest of our world. We are called to that mission not because we are perfect, but because we are forgiven. In the spirit of Christ's compassion we need to respond to our world as we celebrate the freedom that offers us that opportunity.

Likee peace?

May you have a blessed Summer . . . .
May our world be blessed by peace and understanding.



1.Anthony De Mello. The Heart of the Enlightened. Image Books/Doubleday. New York, 1991. P. 97.



From Becky's Desk....

"He got up from the supper and took off his outer garment and wrapped a towel around himself." - John 13:4

"And the call is to community....in humility to take up the vow that day after day we must take up the basin and towel." The call has come once again for a group of us to take up the role of servant to our neighbors in Western North Carolina. In a few weeks, a group of 10 will be leaving to participate in Carolina Cross Connection.

Our servanthood will take place in an ordinary place, on an ordinary day, with probably ordinary people. We will participate with other youth and adults who have decided to live out the parable from the Gospel of John once more. Christ will be called on once again to show us how we are to minister to each person we meet. And, community will be established in the offering of ourselves. We will be called on to use what resources we have been given to offer love and hope to each other and to those we meet.

We have been fortunate this year that we have not had to do any fundraising. The Board of Missions, through their budget, provided the financial resources we will need. For that, all of us say "Thank you for making this mission possible." To all of you who work, support, and pray for our youth behind the scenes, we say "Thank you." To the Women's Fellowship for their donation, we say "Thank you".

The most important days of preparation are before us. July 18-24, 1999 will be here soon. The days are here for spiritual preparation and for physical preparation. There is still much to do – gathering tools; reserving a van; color-coding the tools; filling out forms and evaluations.

We hope you will continue your support through your prayers and good wishes to all those participating. This year the participants are: Sarah Bragg, Meg Wilkins, Jeff Wilkins, Marie Wilkins, Matthew Woody, Lydia Troxler, Kim Acquilano, Susan Heinzerling, and Becky Peeler. You might want to become a prayer partner for one or more of these persons – making this group a part of your prayer list from now until we return; or sending a card to one or more of these persons while we are on our trip. Our participation has proven to be more than just going to help some "less fortunate" people. We have found that we ourselves may be the ones who are the "less fortunate". We are blessed through our giving – through the "taking up of the basin and the towel".

Be Christ's,

Becky

Becky

Carolina Cross Connection

CONNECTION



I'm A Guest at Your CHURCH

You cannot know the reason I am here this morning. It may be as simple as a move to your neighborhood, or as complicated as a personal crisis that leads me to seek strength from God.

In either case, I am here. And I will probably remain here and come back to worship with you next Sunday, and the Sunday after that, if you will do something for me.

Would you please smile at me as I walk through the door? You are my first impression of your church during the first few moments I am in your building, and this impression will probably stay with me for a very long time.

Would you please speak to me after the service? I know you want to see your friends, but I may find it hard to believe that you really care for the "stranger in your midst" if you pass me by.

Would you please tell me good things about your church and your pastor? I want to believe that I have found some place where people love each other and where they believe that they are doing something exciting and important for the Lord.

Would you please notice me even if I am not a family? I don't want to feel invisible just because I am not married, a single parent, a teenager, or an older person.

Would you please talk to me again the second week when I come back to worship with you? I am still not a part of your church family. Please don't feel that you have done your duty because you made a point of greeting me the first week I was at your church.

Would you please invite me to become a part of a church group or organization? I need more than worship on Sunday. I need to know that I am accepted and affirmed by a group of people within the church who know me by my first name and who care about me as an individual.

If you find it in your heart to do these things for me, I will return, the second time, the third time, and maybe forever. I will worship with you, and I may even join the choir, work on your mission projects, teach Sunday School, tithe to your church, and become an active member of your fellowship.

Thank you for caring and making me feel welcome at your church. I ***WILL*** be Back!!!

This Year Vacation Bible School is for Everyone ! Join us for an Adventure that is for all ages - adults, children, youth.

GET READY FOR THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME!

TREASURE HUNT™
Bible Adventure

Join us as we explore Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure! You'll enjoy cool crafts and wild games, experience thrilling Bible stories—from a shipwreck to walking on water—sample tasty snacks, and hear lively music. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!



EXPEDITION LOCATION:
Elon College Community Church
The Adventure Will Last:
July 12 – 16, 1999
TREASURE HUNTING BEGINS AT:
6:30 pm
TREASURE HUNTING ENDS AT:
8:45 pm
FOR MORE CLUES, CALL:
336/584-0391

Drop the following registration form in the offering plate at worship or mail to the church office by June 14, 1999.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone No. _____
Indicate category by circling one of the following:
Child Youth Adult



Welcome Ken Tyson . . .
Sabbatical Interim of Pastoral Care and Worship

We are delighted to welcome Kenneth W. Tyson, D. Min. who will serve as the Sabbatical Interim of Pastoral Care and Worship while Arch Aitcheson is away.

Dr. Tyson will begin on July 1, 1999 providing two days a week on-site for pastoral visitation and additional hours as the main worship coordinator for Sunday services.

Ken comes out of United Methodist tradition, holds a Master of Divinity degree from Duke Divinity School and a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Graduate Theological Foundation in Indiana. He has over five years of experience in pastoral care and counseling in clinical settings.
He served as a chaplain in recent years at Alamance County Hospital and at Alamance Regional Medical Center.

Ken and his wife, Jan, are residents of Gibsonville.

Be sure to welcome Kenneth Tyson as he begins this important ministry with us all!

Sabbatical Administrator . . .

Dr. J. Earl Danieley will donate his time and energy from July 1 through September 30 as Sabbatical Administrator while the pastor is on sabbatical leave. The Church Council is delighted to have that portion of the pastoral leadership in such good hands. Thanks, Earl, for sharing your talents with us at Elon College Community Church.

Earl will be looking for everyone's support and help to keep our church active and effective in mission.

Are We A Friendly Church?

THIS IS A TEST. . . THIS IS A TEST. . . THIS IS A TEST. . .ONLY A TEST!!!!

You have seen those tests you find in the women's magazines (No, no, men, don't go on to the next article . . . this is for you, too!) You know, there is a series c questions that you answer, getting points for each answer, to find out whether you a a good mother or father, a good wife or husband, a good friend or lover, etc. Well, ***this*** test rates you as an Elon College Community Church member as you demonstra your friendliness in living out our Church Mission Statement: *Living Christ in Today World.*

Are you ready? O.K. Here's the test:

	Often	Sometimes	Almost Never
	3 pts	2 pts	1pt
1. I sit in different places each Sunday so I Can get to know more members.	____	____	____
2. I have volunteered to be a greeter.	____	____	____
3. I have invited friends or neighbors to Visit church with me.	____	____	____
4. I make a special effort to speak to new Visitors to our church.	____	____	____
5. I recognize and could name a few people In another age group at church.	____	____	____
6. I recognize and could name most people In my own age group at church.	____	____	____

Total Points: _____

See how you rate by this scale below:

14 - 89 points You're terrific! Keep it up!

9 - 13 points You're on the right track! Way to go!

6 - 8 points You can do better! Work at making us a friendly church!

> *"Some people prefer complicated error to simple truth."*
>
> Economist Arthur Laffer

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These two staff people are ready to help you with specific questions about supporting refugees to be resettled in the United States.

Your contributions to ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING support disaster relief work around the world. Click here for more information.

For daily updates on the refugee situation visit Refuge Macedonia

GLOBAL MINISTRIES
DISASTER RESPONSE ALERT

Kosovar Albanians to be resettled in the U.S.

April 22, 1999

On April 21 President Clinton approved a plan to resettle in the U.S. up to 20,000 Kosovar Albanian refugees now housed in temporary Macedonian camps.

The U.S. program will focus on family reunification (Priorities 3, 4 and 5 of *U.S. Refugee Processing Priorities*) and especially vulnerable medical cases. The refugees will be moved to Greece for processing to the U.S. Their relatives in the U.S. must file an affidavit of relationship with a refugee resettlement agency, such as a Church World Service affiliate. It is anticipated that as many as 500 persons per day will be admitted to the U.S. when the process is underway.

UCC churches can help assist families expecting to be reunited with relatives and persons who are admitted with special medical needs. It is not yet known where there will be a concentration of persons who have relatives in Macedonia. Refugees will be assigned to the UCC and we will be seeking support from local congregations to help with housing, food, clothing, transportation, help finding employment, enrollment in school, tutoring, getting medical and dental appointments and welcoming them to the community.

For more information, please call the UCC Refugee Resettlement Office at 212-870-3047 or 212-870-2169 to speak with Mary Kuenning Gross or Rose Ella Ferguson. We resettle refugees in 23 states in cooperation with Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Program. You can also e-mail us at grossm@ucc.org or fergusor@ucc.org. Sponsoring congregations receive an orientation from a Church World Service affiliate in the area prior to the refugees' arrival. You may also inquire about resettling refugees from other countries who we hear very little about: Bosnia, Sudan, Liberia, Zaire, Sierra Leone and the former Soviet Union.

AND GOD SAID

I said, "God, I hurt."
And God said, "I know."

I said, "God, I cry a lot."
And God said, "That is why I gave you tears."

I said, "God, I am so depressed."
And God said, "That is why I gave you Sunshine."

I said, "God, life is so hard."
And God said, "That is why I gave you loved ones."

I said, "God, my loved one died."
And God said, "So did mine."

I said, "God, it is such a loss."
And God said, "I saw mine nailed to a cross."



I said, "God, but your loved one lives."
And God said, "So does yours."

I said, "God, where are they now?"
And God said, "Mine is on My right and yours is in the Light."

I said, "God, it hurts."
And God said, "I know."

Posted on the wall at the Oklahoma City bombing site
by K.C. and Myke Kuzmic Stockton, CA.

Poem duplicated from *"Palm Frouds"* a newsletter from
the First Church of North Miami Congregational UCC

HELP TURN OUR CHURCH INTO A TROPICAL RAIN FOREST

There is a need for the following items to be either donated or loaned to help create a **wild** environment.

Green Crepe Paper
Artificial Foliage
Artificial Flowers
Empty Cereal Boxes



Hershey's Kisses
Gold wrapped chocolate coins
Unpopped popcorn



Posters of jungles or jungle animals
Air mattresses/inner tubes
Neon colored tennis balls
Ping-Pong balls
Black Plastic

TREASURE HUNT™
Bible Adventure

4 – 5 ft. Wooden Cross

Dear Pastor Aitcheson, *5/17/99*

We are so grateful to be included on your prayer list. (My husband, Dennis, was included by my uncle, John Tuitt.)

He is continuing to go through radiation and chemotherapy in preparation for another surgery in June. Your continued prayers are so very appreciated.

You may not know this, but I have been in your church many times as a child and young adult when I would visit with my grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Tuitt. I keep fond memories with me of the church, the people and the town of Elon College.

I, in turn, am asking God's blessing on the Elon Church and you.

Sincerely,
Susan Brown

Emily Woody, a junior President's List student at Elon College, was recently inducted into Phi Kappa Phi. This is a national honor society which honors men and women in all academic fields, with the purpose of recognizing and encouraging superior scholarship. Election is based upon scholarship and character, and juniors considered for induction must rank in the top five percent of their class. She was also inducted into the North Carolina Delta Chapter of Alpha Chi, one of the highest academic honors students at Elon College can achieve. Juniors selected must have maintained a 3.6 grade point average and be of good standing and character. She has also been inducted into Pi Gamma Mu, the international honor society in social science. She will serve as a Junior Marshall at Graduation, and as president of Psi Chi, the international psychology honor society, for the 1999-2000 school year. ~Patricia Woody



The Women's Fellowship will meet on Monday, June 7, 1999 in the Parish House at 6:30p.m. The Speaker will be Maria Palmer. Dinner will be covered dish.

Dear Elon College Community Church,

I greatly appreciated the Exam Pack I received this past week. It was a blessing, and all the goodies were delicious. Thank you so much for remembering me so far away.

Love,
Mandy

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	DEACONS-ON-CALL **FOR AUGUST** **8/1-7 WILMA WILLIAMSON** **8/8-14 LYNN DENNY** **8/15-21 BILL RUTH** **8/22-28 BETH WILKINS** **8/29-9/4 STEVE PERRY**	
1	2 8:30pm Shelter Meal (Cir 2/Floyd)	3
8	9	10
15	16	17
22	23	24
29	30	31

June 1999

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
Bulletin Bloopers	Cheer someone up. Send a sick card to our members who are in the hospital. Please stand and sing the Gory Patri.	1 10:30am Staff	2 7:00pm 8:00pm
6 11:00am Worship 7:00pm Pastor/Parish Cmte. 7:00pm Nominating Cmte.	7 6:30pm Women's Fellowship	8 10:30am Staff 7:00pm PFLAG	9 7:00pm 8:00pm
13 11:00am Worship Noon Personnel Cmte 6:30pm Church Nite 7:00pm Nominating Cmte.	14  	15 10:30am Staff	16 7:00pm 8:00pm
20 **FATHER'S DAY** 11:00am Worship  	21	22 10:30am Staff	23 7:00pm 8:00pm
27 11:00am Worship Noon Leadership Development 5:00pm Stewardship Cmte. 7:00pm Budget/Finance Cmte.	28	29 10:30am Staff	30 8:00pm

On Stage In Concert

June 5, 1999

A Delightful Night Of Music & Fun

FIRST CLASS OCTET



Paramount Theater

128 East Front St. Burlington

8:00 p.m.

Call For Reserve Seating 222-8497

Admission $8.00

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	DEACONS-ON-CALL **FOR JULY** **7/4-10 BARRY RAKER** **7/11-17 LOU HARPER** **7/18-24 KAY HENSLEY** **7/25-31 JACKIE MATLOCK**	
3 7:30am Breakfast Bible Club	4 5:00pm Rehearsal 8:30pm Shelter Meal (Cir 1/Oxford)	5 2:00pm Wedding
10 7:30am Breakfast Bible Club	11	12 1:00pm Dillashaw Wedding Boone, NC
17 7:30am Breakfast Bible Club	18 6:00pm Rehearsal	19 7:00pm Wedding
24 7:30am Breakfast Bible Club	25 6:00pm Rehearsal	26 3:00pm Wedding



July 1999



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 12 - 16

CAROLINA CROSS CONNECTION
July 18 - 24

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
4 10:00 Worship 11:00 Sunday School **DEACON ON CALL:** **BARRY RAKER** **584-7725**	5 **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** **INDEPENDENCE DAY Observed**	6	7 8:00p... A...
11 10:00 Worship 11:00 Sunday School 6:30pm Church Nite 8:00pm Church Council **DEACON ON CALL:** **LOU HARPER** **584-6535**	12 TREASURE HUNT™ Bible Adventure	13 7:00pm PFLAG	14 8:00p... A...
18 10:00 Worship 11:00 Sunday School **DEACON ON CALL:** **KAY HENSLEY** **584-5940**	19 Carolina Cross Connection CONNECTION	20 **NOON TORCH DEADLINE**	21 8:00p... A...
25 10:00 Worship 11:00 Sunday School **DEACON ON CALL:** **JACKIE MATLOCK** **584-7961**	26	27	28 8:00p... A...

CALLING ALL **ADVENTURERS !**

DISCOVERY SITE LEADERS ARE NEEDED TO JOIN US ON OUR TREASURE HUNT BIBLE ADVENTURE:

Discovery Site Leaders are needed in the following areas:

Treasure Hunt Sing & Play
Craft Cave
Jungle Gym Games
Treasure Treats
Bible Exploration



CLUE CREW LEADERS WILL ALSO BE NEEDED.

If you love Jesus, and love children, come and join us this summer. Contact Becky for more information



" Join **Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure:** Where the Bible is the map and Jesus is the treasure."



News from the Board of Deacons

Ken Tyson, our interim pastor for July, August, and September was introduced to us on Church Nite, May 9th. Ken comes to us from Duke Divinity School and later, as Duke Hospital Chaplain. Please join us in welcoming Ken into our church family!

The Board of Deacons voted to have summer morning worship start on July 4th at 10:00am. Sunday School classes for adults continuing through the summer will follow worship.

There will be a Deacon on-call each week during Arch's Sabbatical. This list will be published in the next Torch.

Look for your Deacons to be wearing colorful name tags to distinguish them from others and so all will be able to easily find on Sunday mornings!



DR. HANS E. HIRSCH, 94, a member of the Elon College Community Church whe he and Mrs. Hirsch were faculty members at Elon (1939-1949) died in Plattsburg, NY, March 25, 1999. He is survived by Mrs. Hirsch.



CHARLES LYNAM, former member of the Elon College faculty and choral direct at our church, has received the 1999 Outstanding Teaching Award from the School of Music at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro where he has been a faculty member for 35 years.

[information from Earl Danieley]



Have you missed something this spring?.... The Service Faire has not disappeared but the date has been changed from spring to fall. The Third Annual Service Faire will be held November 13, 1999. It is not too early to start planning what you will donate. All donations will need to be in by October 1 in order to prepare the catalogue. The committee has held two meetings already and there have been some empty seats at the table. If you have time to help, contact the church office or see Ken Benson. This is a fun event to put together, fun to attend, and fun collecting on all those purchases.

CONGRATULATIONS
BIFF

rafford and Loy Outstanding Citizens

Biff Brafford and Bill Loy, two of Elon's most cated citizens, have been presented the Outstand- Citizen Award.

Mr. Loy is best known for his years of uncom- nising dedication and commitment to the Elon ege Volunteer Fire Department.

For 30 years he worked with the department, ng which he served as fire chief and on the Board Directors. He helped transform the department one of the finest in the State.

Mr. Loy has also been a loyal friend and staunch porter of Elon College. He and his late wife, Lib, ated seven acres of property and their homesite e College. This land is key to the institution's re expansion.

The Board presented the award to Mr. Loy at February meeting.

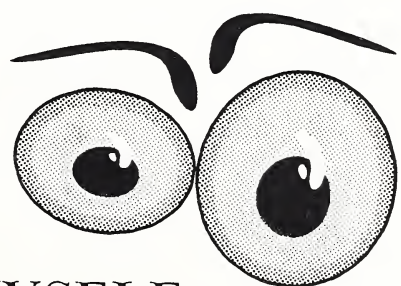
Mr. Brafford's contributions were made through the Exchange Club, where he has been a member since 1952. He has perfect attendance from that date.

He has been the chief cook for the club for the past 20 years. This is no small task since he plans the meals, buys the groceries, and does the cooking for two meetings each month.

For the past 10 years he has baked lemon chess pies to be delivered to a number of friends, neighbors and the elderly in our community at Christmas.

Mr. Brafford is also very active in the Elon College Community Church where he has served in many capacities including deacon, trustee and as building supervisor.

The Board presented Mr. Brafford the award at their March meeting.



'M LOST . . . . . .

'VE GONE TO LOOK FOR MYSELF.

F I RETURN BEFORE I GET BACK,

PLEASE ASK ME TO WAIT!

Strengthen The Church

(a UCC Special offering in June)

"Strengthen the Church" provides support for a multi-racial/multi-cultural church, youth and young adult ministries, leadership development for local churches and initiatives to strengthen and renew congregations and to provide resources for new church development. This offering provides year-round opportunity for UCC members to express gratitude to God by supporting these vital areas of work in the denomination.

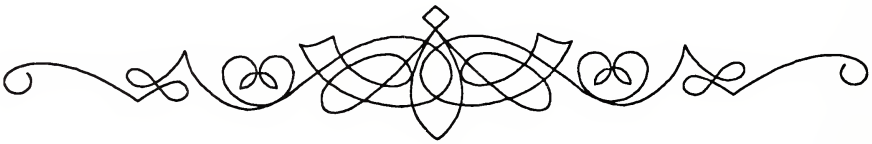
Mary Ruth
Missions Board



HOLD THE ZERO!!

In writing the report for the Board of Trustees for the May issue of the TORCH, I made a typographical error. I reported to you that we are making plans to repair the church steeple. When I typed the estimated cost, I used an extra zero...the actual estimate is $6,500 not $65,000. That extra zero makes a lot of difference. By the way, we still need contributions toward the project!!

Earl Danieley, Chairman, Board of Trustees



There is an excellent new video about the UCC's Piedmont Retirement Home--a contimuum of care with independent living, assisted living and skilled nursing. Piedmont Retirement Home occupies 49 acres in Thomasville.

The video, along with a packet of information giving floor plans and rates, is in the church library. If you can't find it, ask in the office for help.

--From the Mission Board

YOUTH BOX

JULY 17 – All youth and adults participating in Carolina Cross Connection are needed to help load tools into the vans on Saturday morning. Please meet at the church at 10:30 am.



JULY 18 – 24– CAROLINA CROSS CONNECTION WEEK

Meet at the church by 6:45 am to load luggage. We need to leave promptly by 7:00 am.



Hope everyone has a wonderful summer ! See you in September!



SHARING THE MANTLE OF MINISTRY

"God says to gather seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the meeting tent, and have them take their place there with you. I, God, will come down and talk with you there; and I will take some of the spirit that is on you and put it on them; and they shall bear the burden of the people along with you so that you will not bear it all by yourself."

(Numbers 11:16-17)

- Do you have spiritual gifts? God knows what they are.
- Need room to listen to God's words for you?
- Need a sacred space to experience God's nearness and what that means for you?

Gather with us on June 27 and August 1 at noon where we will listen to what God has to say to us; where we will remain open to God's presence; and where we will consider how God is equipping us for ministry.

"A woman dreamed she walked into a brand-new shop in the marketplace and, to her surprise, found God behind the counter.

'What do you sell here?' she asked.

'Everything your heart desires,' said God.

Hardly daring to believe what she was hearing, the woman decided to ask for the best things a human could wish for. 'I want peace of mind and love and happiness and wisdom and freedom from fear,' she said. Then as an afterthought, she added, 'Not just for me. For everyone on earth.'

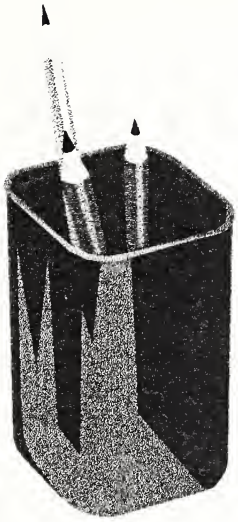
God smiled. 'I think you've got me wrong, my dear,' (God) said. 'We don't sell fruits here. Only seeds.' *-Anthony de Mello*

Mark Your Calendar

Service Faire

November 13th

Supper/Preview
6:00 pm
Auction
6:30 pm



It's not too early...

To start planning what you will donate or to volunteer your service on the committee. Watch for more information.



The United Church of Christ says . . .

THANK YOU!

To the members of

Elon College Community Church of the United Church of Christ

For your 1998 contribution of

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Conference Minister

LOUCINDA ALSTON GRAVES
Office Administrator

Memorandum

To: Pastors and Churches
From Rollin Russell
Date: May 6, 1999
R.e.: Resignation as Conference Minister

It is so hard to say good bye to good friends. It is also hard to believe that Betsy and I have been with you for nearly seventeen years. They have been wonderful years, and so many of you have been so gracious and kind to us that it makes the following a difficult message to convey. I have accepted an appointment to the faculty of Lancaster Theological Seminary, and we will be moving to Pennsylvania in July, to begin work there on August 1.

When we moved to Burlington in 1982 our daughter Beth had just graduated from high school and was seventeen years old, Stephen was fifteen, and Amy was twelve. They have grown up here, finished their educations, and now have made their own homes in Graham, Sacramento, and Denver. Many of you were important in their lives, and for that we are grateful. Betsy left a very rewarding teaching position in Texas and was able to teach first at Elon College, then at Williams High School here in Burlington, a very good experience. And I have had so many wonderful experiences in your churches, in your homes and representing you in regional, national, and international settings, that I thank God daily for the incredible privilege you have given me to serve you as Conference Minister.

My responsibilities at Lancaster Seminary include directing a Leadership Renewal Program which will bring the faculty of the Seminary into intensive study and learning relationships with clergy and lay leaders. The purpose is to begin to discover ways to renew the churches and the ministry, and to develop a new vision of both for the new century. I look forward to this new calling with great enthusiasm. Much of what I know about the church and the ministry I have learned from and with you, in the always interesting and often surprising dynamics of the life of the Southern Conference. I will always cherish our ministry together, and I know that God has great things in store for your lives, your churches, and this Conference.

I will remain faithfully yours in the love and unity of Christ.

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A story from your Global Ministries . . .

"Though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me." (Psalm 23:4 NRSV)

A DEEP ABIDING SENSE OF COMMUNITY

Lydia and Jack Johnson-Hill are missionaries engaged in theological education in Fiji. Last November they wrote of graduation at Pacific Theological College.

At the beginning of the year each staff family is given responsibility for an 'advisory group,' a mixture of students and support staff and their families. The focus of the groups is *personal* with laughter, story-telling and music making as well as prayer together and the sharing of tough issues in their personal lives.

There is also a *communal* dimension as everyone helps students having a hard time. One such student had missed the official deadline for submitting the final draft of his thesis. "A student who was good at English would sit with him late into the night, helping him convert his Tongan grammar into English grammatical forms. Another student gently encouraged him to keep going. Two staff members became like parents, offering emotional as well as academic guidance. Lydia proof read the final draft. Through it all, we prayed, cajoled, sternly reprimanded and kept starting again. The other students said that they could not celebrate the completion of their own theses until everyone was finished. And finish he did. Everyone had passed and now everyone could celebrate."

And, there was the *spiritual* time when each departing student and staff member had opportunity at daily chapel to say what the experience at PTC had meant for their own Christian journey. "One student courageously shared the faith struggle he and his wife have endured as she has battled with cancer all year. She could barely muster the strength to stand, but she read the 23rd Psalm as it has never been read before. And we wept."

You make the difference . . .

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vers for JULY
- Mr. and Mrs. Cary Matlock
1 - Mr. and Mrs. Howard Edgerton
8 - Mrs. Lois Luke
5 - Dr. and Mrs. Earl Danieley

ers for JULY
- Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
1 - Tommy Oakley, Steve Perry, Ray Turner, Linda Vogg
8 - Bill Beyer, Joseph Davis, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
5 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler

lytes for JULY
- Leigh Ann Denny/Rebecca Perry
1 - Anna Wilkins/Zach Welborn
8 - Miranda Rich/Nicole Williamson
5 - David Brown/Laura Brown

etin Board Update for JULY
- Open
1 - Open
8 - Linda Vogg
25 - Olga Griswold/Liz Bensen

sery for JULY
- Open
11 - Mike/Lorie Goodwin
18 - Earl/Verona Danieley
25 - Ann/Kim Acquilano

ond Hour Child Care for JULY
- Patsy/Eddie Oliver
11 - Lynn/Leigh Ann Denny
18 - Bill Linde/Katherine Floyd
25 - Laura Chatfield/Ashton Oliver

"The turbulence of change can be overpowering because the one thing the enemy doesn't want us to do is change. No, he doesn't care if we come to church. He doesn't even care if we slip into a robe and sing in the choir. He just doesn't want us to change."

From "*Loose That Man & Let Him Go*" by T.D.Jakes, Albury Publishing, Tulsa, OK, ISBN 1-88088-997-1

Liturgists for JULY
Jul 4 - Lois Luke
Jul 11 - Tom Conally
Jul 18 - Lynn Denny
Jul 25 - Bill Linde



Congratulations!!

William Nathaniel Smith
Born: May 14, 1999
6lbs., 14 oz. and 19 3/4" long
Proud parents: Christine and Brian Smith
Lebanon, Indiana
Grandparents: Liz and Ken Bensen

Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

Flowers for JUNE
Jun 6 - Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barbee
Jun 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Warren Jeffreys
Jun 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Tom Oakley
Jun 27 - Mrs. Frances Longest

Ushers for JUNE
Jun 6 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
Jun 13 - Tommy Oakley, Steve Perry, Ray Turner, Linda Vogg
Jun 20 - Bill Beyer, Joseph Davis, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
Jun 27 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler

Acolytes for JUNE
Jun 6 - Miranda Rich/Nicole Williamson
Jun 13 - David Brown/Laura Brown
Jun 20 - Christine Fogleman/Anna Wilkins
Jun 27 - Jesse Chatfield/Robert Danieley

Greeters for JUNE
Jun 6 - George and Carol Oakley
Jun 13 - Charlie and Gertrude Liscum
Jun 20 - Ray Turner and Robert Vick
Jun 27 - Ken and Liz Bensen

Nursery for JUNE
Jun 6 - Melodie/Eric Allshouse
Jun 13 - Olga Griswold/Cile Welborn
Jun 20 - Heidi Danieley/Susan Heinzerling
Jun 27 - Wilma/Nicole Williamson

Second Hour Child Care for JUNE
Jun 6 - Mike and Janet Mayse
Jun 13 - Kim and Steve Perry
Jun 20 - Sue Brown/David Brown
Jun 27 - Gayland Welborn/Mark Danieley

Church Attendance for
May 2 - 140 May 16 - 230
May 9 - 177 May 23 - 186

Bulletin Board Update for JUNE
Jun 6 - Olga Griswold/Liz Bensen
Jun 13 - Christy Ruth
Jun 20 - Fred Grosse
Jun 27 - Kim Perry

Liturgists for JUNE
Jun 6 - Rebecca Perry
Jun 13 - Ray Harclerode
Jun 20 - Louis Wilkins
Jun 27 - Mike Gregory


"That was a fine sermon. M
me feel guilty as heck
Harry Nels


"To clear up a little misunderstan
when I say 'Hello up there' I'm t
you people in the balcony
M.L.Za

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Newsletter For:

Sabbatical Musings

RICHMOND HILL, ONTARIO - Independence Day marked my arrival at this bustling suburb of Toronto. Toronto has changed dramatically since my last visit seven years ago. Yonge Street is marked by large international communities, signs of homelessness and the results of western-upward-mobility.

L'Arche Daybreak, formerly a quiet community surrounded by open fields and forest, is now smack in the middle of a suburb that rivals those in our own Triad region. nevertheless, Daybreak, still provides the affirming, quiet, Christian nurture that marks it as unusual in this busy world of ours.

I arrived at New House on Sunday evening. The love of the four core-members and their new assistants was evident immediately. The house was throbbing with excitement and planning. Jean Vanier, the founder of the L'Arche communities was due to arrive for Tuesday's dedication of the new Dayspring Worship and retreat center.

In house are core members, John, Roy, Michael and Rosie. (You have seen their photos in my office!) They remembered my from a previous sabbatical time seven years ago. New to the house is Peter. Assistants, Liska, Jay, Dan, Darell and Rijo, are young adults who have made a commitment of a summer, a year or more to work one on one with the core members. John turned 49 years of age the day after my own birthday. Roy is 85 years young. Rosie is a young woman with a delightful smile and loves to tease with her eyes. Michael is a young man whose smile and body language communicates more than most of us. Peter is 29 and very quiet. He loves eating and swimming!

My role is to "pitch-in" and to help the assistants at New House wherever and whenever I can. I have cooked meals for 8 - 15, cleaned floors, washed dishes, done laundry, etc. More joyful are the rides with John to his work at an area horse farm, a stop for coffee and lunch and a chat about his collection of business cards. He knows everyone in this metropolitan area! Roy is active and boisterous. He may call me the "old man", "grandma", "that guy" or "poop deck pappy" His laughter in the mornings is contagious. Rides in the evening with him are fun. We have explored everything from Toronto to Newmarket!

Peter and I went to the United Church of Canada in Richmond Hill on Sunday. Peter has Downs Syndrome and is very sensitive to noise. He wears earphones to soften the impact of loud or disturbing noises. He was very perturbed with the older ladies who sat behind us during the quiet time before the prelude. They were busy exchanging gossip. He glared at them with an expression I wish I could imitate.

The service was interesting. The church is in a search process for a new pastor. A lay leader presented the sermon about the role of the United Church's historic role with Native Americans. As you can imagine their history in that ministry is marked by prejudice and shame, as is our own denominational history.

Attending worship was interesting. Peter and I were welcomed warmly at the door of the Sanctuary. There was no passing of the peace and little interaction with the congregation. At the lemonade time after service, few people came to speak to us. One of those was a core-member of Daybreak! Sitting in the pew underlines the importance

of every Church member taking responsibility for welcoming friends and strangers into our midst.

My day often includes morning worship (including communion). Roman Catholic and Protestant clergy share responsibilities for these services. Everything is open to all who gather there. Regardless of our physical, emotional, or spiritual handicaps, we are embraced in the love Christ proclaims for us all.

The dedication of the Dayspring Center in memory of Henri Nouwen and Adam Arnett, was deeply moving. It allowed me some grief time for the loss I have felt for both of these unique persons. Jean Vanier, founder of these communities, offered the sermon. Fred and Carol Rogers (Mr. Rogers of PBS fame) led the litany of dedication. Prominent business leaders and benefactors were present for a joyous celebration.

L'Arche Communities are different. It represents a "remnant community in and of Christ" that welcomes the so-called "broken" of the world and celebrates their wholeness in God's love. This pastor has been refreshed and nurtured by those who are often shunned by the fears and prejudice of our society. The focus of this community allows the Holy Spirit to proclaim an inner peace and world mission that is powerful.

In the midst of the busy schedules and all that needs to be done, there is also the silent, quiet times of prayer and presence. It has been good to change pace, to rediscover that still small voice that nurtures my ministry and to reclaim myself as a child of God.

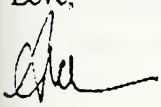
Next week I move to Manresa. There will be the experience of a week-long quiet retreat. Then there will be retreat time for writing and for scriptural reflection.

Greetings to you all. To those on our prayer list: You are prayed for every day by your pastor and by friends in this wonderful community.

May God hold you in the palm of God's hands!

L'Arche Daybreak
July 13, 1999

Love,



Pastor's Desk

I wish to express my gratitude to God and all of you for the opportunity to serve as Interim Pastor of Caring and Worship during Rev. Aitcheson's Sabbatical. Your warm greetings and gracious welcome have allowed me to easily assume this position. Our precious Lord performs wondrous and mighty works in the daily lives of each of us and my time with you, thus far, has proven to be no exception.

Visiting with you is both a delight and a blessing for me. Should there be any issues which need to be discussed (or listened to), please know that I am available to you and can be reached through the church office at 584-0391.

~ Ken Tyson, Sabbatical Interim Pastor

August Worship Services

August 1 – Our interim Pastor for Care and Worship, the Rev. Dr. Ken Tyson, will preach for us. The sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed.

August 8 – Our Director of Christian Education and some of the young people who have were away on Carolina Cross Connection will have charge of the service.

August 15 – Our preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Fred Grosse, President of the Elon Homes for Children.

August 22 – This will be FOOTBALL SUNDAY. Members of the Elon College Fighting Christians Football Team and their coaches will be our guests. The speaker will be Dr. Leo Lambert, President of the College. Church members have been invited to sign up as hosts/hostesses for lunch on that day. We will provide homemade desserts and pay $3.00 each for our lunch. Please sign up to assist us. Bring your desserts to the Parish House before meeting your students in front of the church at 9:45 a.m.

August 29 – The Associate Conference Minister of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ for the Eastern North Carolina Association, the Rev. Dr. Raymond Hargrove, will be our guest preacher.

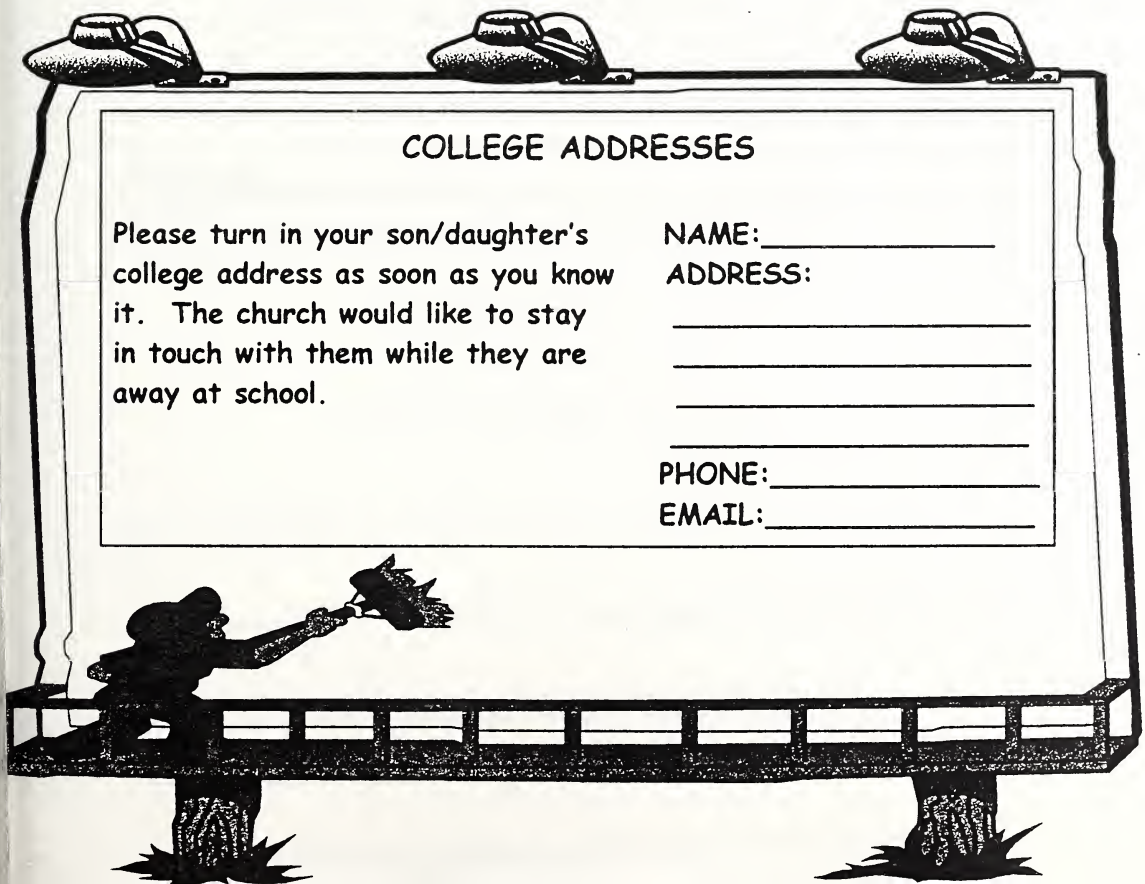
The Adult Forum will resume meeting on September 19. In the meantime, the Adult Class and the Seekers Class are both meeting at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday.

The STEEPLE FUND now has $3,068 in it. The estimated cost of the project is about $6500. This is a good time for you to contribute to this fund. As soon as the funds are available the Board of Trustees will be able to proceed with the project.

At a special meeting on July 11, the Church Council voted to name MARK RUMLEY, as our regular organist. Mark has been serving as our organist for some months but has now agreed to serve as our regular organist beginning August 22. He will be away on August 1 and August 15 and we will have a former organist of this church, Ms. Jeanette Hassell will be with us on those days.

SPECIAL SERVICE ON SEPTEMBER 12

The formal inauguration of Dr. LEO LAMBERT, as the eighth president of ELON COLLEGE is scheduled for September 15. One of the programs in connection with the inauguration will be a special worship service on Sunday, September 12. The service will be held at 11:00 a.m. in Alumni Gym in the Koury Center on the campus. All of the churches in the Town of Elon College have been invited to participate. There will be a combined service choir directed by our choral director, Darla Bray. The organist will be Dr. Janie Brown who is Watts-Thompson Professor in Health and Physical Education at the College and is the organist at the Baptist Church on East Haggard Avenue. The Gospel Choir will be the guest choir. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Richard McBride [who was already scheduled to preach for us on that Sunday!!]. After the service the College will serve a picnic lunch to which all are invited.



COLLEGE ADDRESSES

Please turn in your son/daughter's college address as soon as you know it. The church would like to stay in touch with them while they are away at school.

NAME:_____

ADDRESS:

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June 7, 1999

Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
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Dear Members of Elon College Community Church:

Thank you for your June 1, 1999, gift of $800 to Healing the Children Midlantic, Inc. representing a two year (1998 & 1999) donation. We are beginning to develop a financial base for the North Carolina Regional Committee, and your faithful and ongoing support will certainly help as we begin to plan for the next medical trip in May 2000.

The report on the 1999 trip has been completed, and you will be receiving you copy soon. We hope you will be pleased with what the Ophthalmology Team has accomplished this year. And you may indeed be gratified that you have helped in that endeavor.

Again, a heartfelt thank you.

Sincerely,

Arch Aitcheson, Regional Coordinator

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The law requires us to state that no goods or services were given in return for this gift.

"MANKIND OWES TO THE CHILD THE BEST IT HAS TO GIVE"



August 22 is Football Sunday!!

Help Welcome the 1999
Elon College Football Team
by being a Sponsor at Worship

All sponsors are invited to join the players for lunch in the Parish House following worship at 11:15 a.m.
$3.00 per person
Please Bring a Dessert

Fill out and drop in the offering plate on or before Sun, Aug 15

_____ **Yes! I will be a sponsor on Football Sunday**

Name: _____

_____ **Number attending lunch**

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23 June, 1999

Dear Friend of Allied Churches,

Did you know that 70% of Americans give to charities annually, but less than 6% o these households leave their church or favorite charity something in their will?

Most of us are keenly aware of what nonprofit organizations contribute to our community. However, many of us are not aware that **one person** – one person with passion for a charitable cause – probably made the **vision** for that organization become a **reality** today. That person left a legacy.

Leave A Legacy is an idea that began in Columbus, Ohio, several years ago and ha spread across America. The concept is a simple one – to encourage people to sit down with their legal advisors and write or revise their wills. At the same time, our hope is that everyone will consider leaving a bequest to the charities and religious organizations they currently support.

Two important thoughts we would like to leave with you:
1. You do not have to have a lot of money to leave a legacy, and
2. You can make a big difference in your community.

Look around you at the programs in your community, or at your church, or your aln mater. Someone has made a difference...and you can too...by leaving a legacy. Tl rewards are many, and it will make you feel good.

Please call us at 229-0881, or mail in the enclosed post card if you have any questio about the enclosed brochure or if you would like more information.

Sincerely yours,

T. Allen Huff, Sr.

The Rev. Allen Huff
President

John Russell
Director of Development

SHARING THE MANTLE OF MINISTRY

"God says to gather seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the meeting tent, and have them take their place there with you. I, God, will come down and talk with you there; and I will take some of the spirit that is on you and put it on them; and they shall bear the burden of the people along with you so that you will not bear it all by yourself."

(Numbers 11:16-17)

- Do you have spiritual gifts? God knows what they are.
- Need room to listen to God's words for you?
- Need a sacred space to experience God's nearness and what that means for you?

Gather with us on AUGUST 1 at NOON where we will listen to what God has to say to us; where we will remain open to God's presence; and where we will consider how God is equipping us for ministry. Our leader for the workshop will be the Rev. Carol Hayes from Raleigh, NC.

ALL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE REMINDED TO ATTEND AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS ARE WELCOME.

Youth Activities: Cub Scout Pack 51

Eight Cub Scouts from the church's youth program attended the Alamance District Day Camp, June 14 - 18. Michael Kernodle, Buddy Doyle, Robbie May, Cody Meredith, Nicholas Kaczor, Rusty Doyle, Ian Trott and Ian MacPherson were accompanied by den chiefs Paul Kaczor and Michael Trott and den leaders Alton Trott and Kim MacPherson.

From July 14 - July 17 fifteen of our Webelos Scouts attended the fourth session of the first Webelos Resident Camp to be held at the Old North State Council's new Cub Scout facility, Woodfield Scout Preservation. Those attending were Ben Holt, Matthew Bare, Jordan Edmond, Cody Meredith, Kevin Edmond, Kyle Pendarvis, Scott Arico, Alex Smith, Ian MacPherson, Ian Trott Nicholas Kaczor, Sam Petry, Rusty Doyle, Joseph Thompson and Joseph Gildee. Leaders attending the camp were den chiefs Michael Trott and Paul Kaczor and den leaders Mary Kaczor, Alton Trott and Junior Bare. Sarah Bragg was a member of the summer camp staff and George Troxler served was the Camp Commissioner during the third and fourth sessions of the camp.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	

August 1999

1 10:00am Worship 11:00am S. School **DEACON-ON-CALL:** **WILMA WILLIAMSON** **548-7185**	2 10:30am Circle 1 7:30pm Circle 2	3 10:30am Staff 7:00pm Circle 3	4 8:00pr
8 10:00am Worship 11:00am Sunday School 6:30pm Church Nite **DEACON-ON-CALL:** **LYNN DENNY** **292-0786**	9	10 10:30am Staff 7:00pm PFLAG	11 8:00pn
15 10:00am Worship 11:00am Sunday School 4:00 Grief Support **DEACON-ON-CALL:** **BILL RUTH** **584-4619**	16	17 10:30am Staff **NOON TORCH DEADLINE**	18 8:00pm
22 10:00am Worship 11:00am Sunday School **DEACON-ON-CALL:** **BETH WILKINS** **584-0755**	23	24 10:30am Staff	25 8:00pm
29 10:00am Worship 11:00am Sunday School **DEACON-ON-CALL:** **STEVE PERRY** **449-7668**	30	31 10:30am Staff	

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		**DEACONS-ON-CALL FOR SEPTEMBER** 9/5-11 Lynn Denny 9/12-18 Lou Harper 9/19-25 Kay Hensley 9/26-10/2 Jackie Matlock
5 7:30am Breakfast Bible Club	6 7:30pm Shelter Meal (Music/Shipley)	7
12 7:30am Breakfast Bible Club	13	14
19 7:30am Breakfast Bible Club	20	21
26 7:30am Breakfast Bible Club 	27	28

Families Matter



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By Prayer • June '99

The Lonely Planet Guide says that the stretch of road that careens from the summits of the Andes through the north Yungas of Bolivia is the most treacherous in the world. Buses bursting at the seems with passengers, trucks burdened by loads of hard wood and tropical fruits, and jeeps by the dozen swerve along the narrow path testing the limits of their motors and brakes. It is not unusual to see tire tracks dangerously close to the edge pushing dust over like a mist that falls to the jungle floor a thousand feet below. It is some 40 miles down this road that lies Campamento El Puente. In the past week I made the round trip from La Paz to camp and back 3 times. A trip that takes its toll on auto and man alike.

The Land Cruiser suffered a flat tire, a drained radiator, a few scratches, and a filthy exterior, all of which are problems easily remedied. It is the toll on men that exacts a higher price.

8 people died on the Yungas road this past week. Two accidents, two trucks, two failed brakes. One resulting in the death of 5 and the other 3.

It was 8:30 P.M. when we heard the knock on the door of our cabin. Through tears, Omar (our former caretaker) told us that the truck his father in law had been driving back from La Paz had lost its breaks, struck a rock wall and rolled. His father in law had been killed and we would find out later that Alicia, another young lady from the community who suffered severe head injuries, would pass away. Omar's wife was bruised and her face swollen. She was 5 months pregnant and after I drove her and her family back to La Paz she discovered she had lost the baby.

It seems tragedy always looms on our doorstep and only by the grace and mercy of God do we avoid stepping through the door. As I drive to and from camp I am constantly reminded of those who are regularly remembering us before the throne of grace.

I John 5:14 says, "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." (NIV) Since we first sensed God's leading us to Bolivia we have petitioned your prayers. Our newsletter takes its title from the Spanish for SIM's motto, "by prayer" and we truly believe that God is listening. God is working on our behalf in answer to your prayers. Every time we arrive safely home from camp, every person who confesses that Jesus is Lord as a result of the camp ministry, every leader who is trained in camp programming and direction, every moment our children learn Godly character and each day when we sense God's direction in our life and work, we know that God hears you.

I Thessalonians 5:17 encourages us to "pray continually." We are grateful for your prayers and ask you to continue to care for us in this way.

Thanks to two work teams from Lynden, WA and Denver, CO we now have all new PVC water lines in the camp, a beautiful side walk between the cabin area and sports hall, the guys bath house painted, a new pool pump, and the old bath house at the pool well on its way to being the new care takers home. The past week was spent tearing down walls with sledge hammers, cutting doors into concrete walls, hammering in joists and blocking for a ceiling and installing new wiring and water lines into the old Taylor building which sits by the pool. These renovations will serve to provide Primo and Aleja Vilca with a home at camp. Currently they are living in one of the camper cabins. All continues to go well with the overall care of camp and we continue to press on with training seminars in La Paz.

In May about 50 attended the National Camp Conference receiving training in various aspects of camp ministry. The day seminars continue to be well attended and we will sponsor a weekend training retreat July 30 -31. It is exciting to see the interest in the use of camp programs as an arm of the church and to see God faithfully helping us complete what he has called us to do.

CARING & SHARING/ALLIED CHURCHES JULY NEEDS LIST

BURLINGTON	Senior lady requests friendly visits and calls.
BURLINGTON	Disabled lady needs ceiling painted.
GRAHAM	Senior lady needs assistance with mail.
GRAHAM	Senior lady needs friendly visits.
GRAHAM	Senior lady needs someone to shop for her.
GIBSONVILLE	Senior lady needs assistance with mail.
GIBSONVILLE	Senior lady requests friendly visits.
GIBSONVILLE	Senior lady requests rides to church.

The Shelter and the Kitchen NEEDS are:

SUGAR

SWEATENED CEREAL (i.e., sugar pops, fruit loops, etc.)

DEODORANT

COFFEE

CREAMER

DISPOSABLE RAZORS

SHAVING CREAM

TEA

Cake Mixes

TOOTH PASTE

Rev. Perry, 229-0881

Dear Arch and Church Family,

You surprised me completely when you presented me with a plaque and a gift three weeks ago. The plaque will always be special, and I will certainly make good use of the leather portfolio a much more distinguished-looking case than I've ever had.

Your support and presence in our music ministry together for the past four years have always been encouraging, and I know I am blessed with your friendships.

Thank you for your recognition of work I have truly enjoyed, and thank you for tangible reminders of your Christian love and encouragement.

I look forward to continuing our ministry together.

In Christ's love,

Betty Dillashaw

Congratulations to the Graduates!!!

Stephen Franklin graduated June 9th from Northern High School in Durham, NC, and Jessica Hudson graduated June 4th from Orange High School, Hillsborough, NC. Grandson and Granddaughter of Sara Dodson and Grand Nephew and Grandniece of Melva Foster.

For my exam survival kit creators:
Believe it or not, I picked up the package at the post office around 3:00 p.m., got home around 5:00, and by 8:00 p.m. that night every cookie and candy had been devoured. All the goodies were wonderfully appreciated by me, my roommate, and my fiancé. Everything was delicious. I know a lot of people worked hard to get all those exam packs ready. So thank you all very much! It was a wonderful treat to end this semester with.

Thank you!
Rachael Dillashaw

To Arch & the rest of my Church Family-

Hello to all from sunny Florida! All is well-except I miss North Carolina. I'm gaining some good experience as a reporter/photographer, as well as meeting a lot of interesting folks. I just wanted to say thanks for the special send off you and everyone gave me on Sunday, April 18th. It was absolutely overwhelming to feel the love of and entire church at once like that. Hope all is well up there- remember-stay happy and have fun. Take care and see you soon. Keep in Touch!!

Love,

Brian Rose

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Dear Arch,

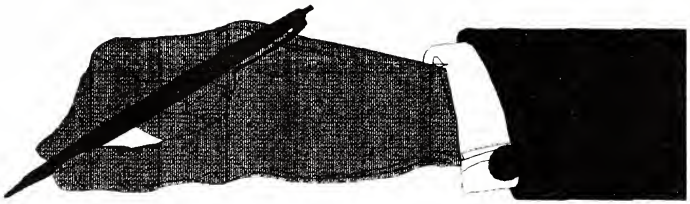
Thank you very much for the Bible and Bookmark. I will get a lot of use out of it. I also appreciate your continual support of my mon and myself. It really means a lot to me and words cannot adequately express how deeply grateful I am for you and for my Church family.

Yours,
Joe Mattern



The family of Minnie Turner Stickles wishes to thank friends of the church for their prayers and kindness extended to them during the illness and death of their mother.

Lorene Lyon



The Elon College Fall Freshmen Class will be Arriving Soon!

Help to welcome them by sending a note to their home prior to arrival on campus

Addressed envelopes will be distributed following worship on Sunday, August 8 and Sunday, August 15



A story from your Global Ministries . . .

"Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants. I will proclaim the name of the Lord. O, praise the greatness of our God." Deuteronomy 32:2-3(NIV)

THANK YOU TEACHER

The Rev. Karl and Jan Whiteman are missionaries serving in the Marshall Islands. Karl is Liaison Pastor for Micronesia and the Marshall Islands and theological education instructor; Jan is an Elementary and English educator.

The words of Deut. 32:2-3 are Jan's daily prayer as she teaches, and earning her students' trust and affection has made it possible for her to make a difference in their lives. Karl describes it this way.

"Teacher, teacher! What is love? What is 'opposite' sex? What is dating?"

In the Marshallese culture, young girls only learn about relationships and the physical and emotional changes that happen to all adolescents from their older sisters or aunts, friends and sometimes their grandmothers. Traditionally parents never talk to them about such things, and, for the most part, the discussion of these subjects is usually avoided.

After a year of teaching 8th grade at Rita Christian School in Majuro, Marshall Islands, five girls trusted Jan enough to seek her out at "the feast" following a youth rally to ask what these words meant. A lively hour-long "question and answer" session followed which may have changed the lives of these young women living in a society of overpopulation, sexually transmitted diseases, and rampant teen pregnancy.

"Thank you, Teacher. We'll never forget you," the girls say.

You make the difference . . .

The prayers and help you provide through your local congregation make possible the work and witness of *GLOBAL MINISTRIES*, which is supported by Basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) of the United Church of Christ.

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
(12/12) 6 MONTHS
CCB General Checking Acct
REPORT DATE: 06/30/1999

ACCOUNT	CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR)	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE	OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR)
INCOME						
TOTAL INCOME	12.423.24	101.754.04	116.692.50	14.938.46	233.385.00	105.291.39
TOTAL RENTAL INCOME	1.050.00	5.970.00	6.249.00	279.00	12.498.00	5.125.00
TOTAL OFFICE INCOME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
TOTAL SALES TAX REFUND	.00	.00	400.02	400.02	800.00	452.56
TOTAL VBS TUITION & FEES	.00	.00	25.02	25.02	50.00	.00
TOTAL GENERAL REFUNDS	20.00	1.287.07	75.00	1.212.07+	150.00	191.35
TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	140.00	2.391.52	.00	2.391.52+	.00	2.281.[illegible]
TOTAL Interest	11.05	400.30	300.00	100.30+	600.00	734.[illegible]
TOTAL Misc. Income Accts	.00	980.01	.00	980.01+	.00	.00
TOTAL INCOME	13.544.29	113.282.94	123.741.54	10.458.60	247.483.00	113.986.74
EXPENSES						
TOTAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME	.00	143.00	.00	143.00+	.00	1.762.26
TOTAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	.00	425.00	1.025.00	600.00	3.045.00	400.00
TOTAL OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	1.615.00	7.690.00	7.667.20	22.80+	15.424.00	7.590.00
TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSES	17.79	1.753.03	1.518.90	234.13+	3.770.00	2.384.89
TOTAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	975.80	6.518.41	1.346.90	5.171.51+	2.800.00	541.33
TOTAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES	.00	253.76	324.10	70.34	550.00	519.39
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP	92.25	1.648.50	3.997.78	2.349.28	7.925.00	2.028.07
TOTAL SALARY EXPENSES	15.942.37	74.342.75	78.619.74	4.276.99	157.807.00	66.394.72
TOTAL Facility Operation Exp.	2.595.03	24.539.52	29.266.24	4.726.72	62.270.00	27.298.05
TOTAL Misc Expense Accts	.00	1.120.34	.00	1.120.34+	.00	396.94
TOTAL EXPENSES	21.238.24	118.434.31	123.765.86	5.331.55	253.591.00	109.315.24
NET TOTALS	7.693.95-	5.151.37-				4.671.50



Youth are our greatest natural resource.

Sunday School

The 1999-2000 Sunday School year for Children and Youth will resume September 12th, 1999. The new year will bring fun and a new look and feel to the Christian Education of old. Come help us change and have fun.

From the Board of Christian Education

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
(12/12) 5 MONTHS
CCB General Checking Acct
REPORT DATE: 05/31/1999

ACCOUNT	CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR)	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE	OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR)
INCOME						
TOTAL INCOME	21.278.82	89.330.80	97.243.75	7.912.95	233.385.00	91.164.82
TOTAL RENTAL INCOME	965.00	4.920.00	5.207.50	287.50	12.498.00	4.150.00
TOTAL OFFICE INCOME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
TOTAL SALES TAX REFUND	.00	.00	333.35	333.35	800.00	452.56
TOTAL VBS TUITION & FEES	.00	.00	20.85	20.85	50.00	.00
TOTAL GENERAL REFUNDS	.00	1.267.07	62.50	1.204.57+	150.00	191.35
TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	350.00	2.751.52	.00	2.751.52+	.00	2.016.26
TOTAL Interest	10.67	389.25	250.00	139.25+	600.00	721.34
TOTAL Misc. Income Accts	.00	980.01	.00	980.01+	.00	.00
TOTAL INCOME	22.604.49	99.638.65	103.117.95	3.479.30	247.483.00	98.696.33
EXPENSES						
TOTAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME	.00	143.00	.00	143.00+	.00	1.762.36
TOTAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	225.00	425.00	1.025.00	600.00	3.045.00	175.00
TOTAL OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	1.115.00	6.075.00	6.456.00	381.00	15.424.00	6.375.00
TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSES	609.04	1.735.24	1.265.75	469.49+	3.770.00	2.166.39
TOTAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	525.00	5.542.61	993.25	4.549.36+	2.300.00	441.83
TOTAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES	.00	253.76	186.75	67.01+	550.00	345.30
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP	152.84	1.556.25	3.185.65	1.629.40	7.925.00	1.382.26
TOTAL SALARY EXPENSES	10.993.75	58.400.38	65.516.45	7.116.07	157.807.00	52.134.37
TOTAL Facility Operation Exp.	3.066.91	21.944.49	23.855.20	1.910.71	62.270.00	20.392.39
TOTAL Misc Expense Accts	.00	1.120.34	.00	1.120.34+	.00	396.04
TOTAL EXPENSES	16.687.54	97.196.07	102.484.05	5.287.98	253.591.00	86.071.34
NET TOTALS	5.916.95	2.442.58				12.625.49



Summer Time Adventure Time



Rise to New Heights

Opportunities for Service at our Sunday Services

Flowers for AUGUST

Aug 1 - Mrs. Patricia Woody
Aug 8 - Rev. and Mrs. Barry Raker
Aug 15 - Mr. and Mrs. Mark Danieley
Aug 22 - Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wilkins
Aug 29 - Rev. and Mrs. John Truitt

Ushers for AUGUST

Aug 1 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
Aug 8 - Tommy Oakley, Steve Perry, Ray Turner, Linda Vogg
Aug 15 - Bill Beyer, Joseph Davis, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
Aug 22 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler
Aug 29 - Walter Boyd, Jim Lyon, David Ruth, Ken Bensen

Acolytes for AUGUST

Aug 1 - Jesse Chatfield/Robert Danieley
Aug 8 - Leigh Ann Denny/Rebecca Perry
Aug 15 - Jeff Wilkins, III/Zach Welborn
Aug 22 - Miranda Rich/Nicole Williamson
Aug 29 - Anna Wilkins/Laura Brown

Greeters for AUGUST

Aug 1 - Warren & Virginia Jeffreys
Aug 8 - Lynn & Lesli Denny
Aug 15 - Marsh & Pearl McLelland
Aug 22 - Ray & Cathy Covington
Aug 29 - George & Valerie Padgett

Bulletin Board Update for AUGUST

Aug 1 - Patsy Jourdan
Aug 8 - Christy Ruth
Aug 15 - Olga Griswold/Liz Bensen
Aug 22 - Kim Perry
Aug 29 - Barry Raker

Nursery for AUGUST

Aug 1 - Robin & Mike Gregory
Aug 8 - Susan & Bill Menikheim
Aug 15 - Luci Spivey/Mona Atkinson
Aug 22 - Linda Raker/Beth Flinchum
Aug 29 - Open

Liturgists for AUGUST

Aug 1 - Joy Aitcheson
Aug 8 - Earl Danieley
Aug 15 - Bill Rippy
Aug 22 - Al Seagraves
Aug 29 - Verona Danieley

Second Hour Child Care for AUGUST

Aug 1 - Jimma Causey/Kim Webb
Aug 8 - Marie Wilkins/Jeff Wilkins, III
Aug 15 - Christy & David Ruth
Aug 22 - Mike & Janet Mayse
Aug 29 - Kim & Steve Perry

Vacation Travel Time



Church Attendance for

Jun 6 - 143	Jun 13 - 158	Jun 20 - 126	June 27 - 128
Jul 4 - 134	Jul 11 - 123	Jul 18 - 107	Jul 25 - 96



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Newsletter for:

THE TORCH

SEPTEMBER 1999

THE SABBATICAL CONTINUES

Our pastor and teacher, the Rev. Arch Aitcheson, has now been on sabbatical for two months. It is fair to say that we have really missed him. In some ways the sabbatical has been good for us. For example, we have learned how many non-pastoral, housekeeping duties are performed by the minister. Turning on the air conditioning, locking up, unlocking, lights on, lights off, and the list continues. Arch, we really miss you!!

Although we have missed Arch's preaching, we have had some really good guest preachers and we have more scheduled this month.

While the choir has been on vacation we have had several artists for special music. We have also been served by organists Mark Rumley and Jeannette Hassell.

On SEPTEMBER 5 we will have a communion meditation and the Rev. Ken Tyson will serve communion.

On SEPTEMBER 12 we will have a special treat. After attending our Sunday School classes at our church, we will go across the street for the Ecumenical Service which is being planned as a part of the series of programs inaugurating President Leo Lambert. The guest choir will be the College Gospel Choir. The service choir will be made up of singers from several different churches directed by Darla Bray, our choral director. Organist will be Dr. Janie Brown who is the regular organist at the First Baptist Church on East Haggard Avenue. Preacher for this service will be the Rev. Mr. Richard McBride, Chaplain at the College. Everyone will be invited to a picnic luncheon on the campus following the service.

On SEPTEMBER 19 our guest minister will be Dr. James Pace, a member of the religion faculty at the

College. Dr. Pace has just been on another of his archeological "digs" this summer. We will have members of the honors chorus to sing for us. They will be singing in Vienna in December.

On SEPTEMBER 26 our preacher will be the Rev. Barry Raker of our own congregation. His will be the last of the thirteen Sundays during which our pastor has been absent.

OCTOBER 3 will be World Communion Sunday and we will all want to be here to welcome our pastor as he returns.

In nineteenth century London, Mrs. Rustoff, the spouse of a prominent physician, was summoned to her door by her butler. Standing on her doorstep was a scruffy, ragged eight-year-old boy, apparently orphaned. His darkened eyes and drawn face informed her that this child was in need of her compassion. She placed her arm around the child, ushered him into the foyer and, immediately began instructing the house staff to attend to the boy.

She instructed the butler to purchase new clothing from the local haberdasher, her cook to prepare a hot meal and one of her attendants to remove the boy's clothing and bathe him.

Nearing completion of the assigned tasks, Mrs. Rustoff was summoned to the bathroom where the boy was being bathed. There, she learned that all was well except the attendant could not persuade the boy to open his filthy, clenched right fist. No amount of persuasion could convince the child to open his hand and it needed to be washed before he could partake of the meal awaiting him.

With the help of the attendant, Mrs. Rustoff, using all of her strength, was finally able to pry the fist open only to find a small morsel of crusty bread inside the child's hand even a meal that would satisfy all of his hunger awaited him.

How often do we hold on to that which we know we have and, thereby, delay taking our place at the feast the Lord has set for us?

Ken Tyson

WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT - The past month has been filled with spiritual insight and awesome wonders! God's presence has been clearly evident in all that has transpired.

After my last communication I drove to Pickering, Ontario to the Manresa Center, a Jesuit Community for Spiritual Renewal. The Center at one end of Liverpool Road is a beautifully landscaped haven. Gardens, stations of the cross, evergreen colonnades of scriptural reflections, and acres of walking trails greeted me after the busy weeks at L'Arche Daybreak.

I went to Manresa for a silent retreat. My guide for that retreat was a book by Anthony de Mello entitled, Wellsprings. For one whole week the only sounds I heard were the sounds of traffic and people in the streets. I spoke to no one and no one spoke to me.

My day began at 6:30 A.M. with silent prayer, followed by a quiet and prayerful breakfast. Next I would take a scripture "mantra" (a verse that is repeated prayerfully over and over) and would repeat in my thoughts those words while I took a three to five mile walk. Most days I walked to the other end of Liverpool Road which brought me to the rocky shore of Lake Ontario. During these walks the scripture passages opened to me new meanings and understandings of God's presence in my life and in our world.

Upon my return from the walk I would find a secluded spot in the chapel or my "cell" in the retreat center. At that point I would spend hours, directed by the Mello's design in meditation and spiritual and scriptural reflection. Anthony led me deeper into my own soul, to discern what God wants for an from me in the future. Prayer time was both refreshing and healing.

A secluded and prayerful lunch came next. The afternoon continued the prayer and meditation from the de Mello program. It also included reading books that have been piling up by my reading chair and more reflection. A new book about Henri Nouwen, written by a teacher from the Wayne, New Jersey Community where we used to live, gave me new insight into Henri's life and mission. Dean Ornish's Love and Survival helped me to celebrate truths about faith and healing that I have witnessed through the years.

The late afternoon meant a walk to town, remaining silent, as I observed the human condition, poor and rich, employed and unemployed, old and young in the city.

Supper followed in the same format of other meals. The evening included more meditation and prayer and reading. Lights went out in the community at 9:30, providing rest and more quiet.

The temperatures were hot that week. High 90s to 100s were the norm for our cells without air conditioning. But sleep came easy and the heat mattered little in the quiet pace of this experience.

At the end of the week I came out of silence, renewed, refreshed and recommitted to the ministry God has chosen for me.

The following week was designed to give me more quiet for writing. I began work on Reflections of Grace a collection of poems from my years of ministry. It was tough

working in my cell in the heat, but I did make some headway in the early morning hours and evening hours when temperatures were a bit cooler.

On August 30 I returned to the Richmond Hill area for two nights in a hotel, awaiting Liz's arrival to begin our adventure across Canada. She arrived on the second of August, and after a visit with Ann and John Pavilonis of Daybreak and a stop at New House to say "Hello" to Roy and John, we began the journey from Toronto to the Canadian side of Niagara Falls.

What a wonder! We went on the Maid of the Midst up to the horseshoe and American falls, walked above the Canadian Falls, and walked the tunnels behind the cascading waters. The beautiful gardens and walkways on that side of this wonder of the world puts our own nation's view to shame.

We traveled back to Toronto, flew to Calgary, and began our bus and train excursions to Banff, Jasper and ultimately Vancouver, B.C. The Canadian Rockies, the glacier fed lakes and the chance to walk on one of the glaciers in the Columbian Ice Field was beyond description. To learn that the water that is melting from the underside of the glaciers is over 400 years old and contains none of the pollutants of this century is unbelievable. The colors and variety of climate conditions in the western regions is yet another wonder of God's creation.

While on the trip we met many nice folks. The highlight was on a gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain. One of our cabin mates was a 1973 Elon College graduate, a P.E. teacher from Northern Virginia! Another family was from Charlotte, North Carolina. Small world!

We returned to Toronto and said our goodbyes. Liz flew to the United States and I spent one more night at New House at Daybreak. I said my goodbyes to my dear friends there and began the long drive across the Peace Bridge through New York State, Pennsylvania until I arrived in my hometown.

My worship experiences have included another visit to a United Church of Canada congregation in Pickering Village. The service was interesting. Greeters were so friendly and welcoming, but without the passing of the peace, I found myself pretty much ignored by the worshipping community. I also worshipped at my home church, The First Congregational Church of Watertown, U.C.C. where Bill Zito gave an inspiring sermon and after spotting me in the congregation told stories from my ordination service twenty-five years ago. There was a friendly time in worship and over lemonade in the fellowship hall after. (It was finally raining outside!)

After a week with family here, I will begin the trek south toward my next destination in Florida and later the western hills of North Carolina. I am spending time working on writing, studying and planning. There are still quiet times, lots of rest, walks through communities and meditation by a lake or the sea.

My thoughts and prayers have included grief and celebration for Howard Edgerton and shocking news received about Joy Hamilton Washburn. Both of them have been cherished friends.

Until we meet again, May God bless you and hold all of you in safety and joy.

Love,

Dick

From Becky's Desk....

Are we ready to tell "The Story"? The story I am talking about is the story of our Christian faith. And I am wondering are we all ready to tell this incredible story of love? I have seen evidence of our faith being told this summer in wonderful ways. So I am wondering are we ready to continue to tell people about our faith now that school is starting and regular routines are being established.

Christian Education is all about the telling of our faith story. It is more than just completing Bible crossword puzzles, flannel boards, handouts, dry erase markers, or other educational technology. Christian Education is certainly not opposed to these methods if we understand that it is more than those things. Christian Education is a sharing of how the Christian faith has intersected with our life story and transformed us.

At Carolina Cross Connection, seven youth and three adults had the opportunity to share their faith with others; not only by their words, but by their actions. Faith had arms and legs, and heart to some people who might not have ever heard otherwise. Did we make a difference to some people? We may never know, but it made a difference to us. Life intersected with our faith and their faith and an opportunity for transformation was created. Christian Education does not make the transformation occur; only God transforms individuals. Christian Education is the atmosphere so that God in Christ can enter our lives.

Our Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure (VBS) provided opportunity to share stories from the Bible, so that our faith tradition could be experienced. There were adults, children, and youth who participated this year. For some it was the first time they had heard the wonderful stories about Jesus; others were reminded of those stories. Each time we hear the stories of Jesus in different contexts, the Word of God speaks to us in a new way. We explored "The Story" in a fun and creative way.

Christian Education is the Church's intentional method "of handing on the basic pieces of Christian tradition that allow us to grasp what God has done for us in Jesus Christ." We all are the runners who can hand off the baton of faith to someone else, no matter our intellect or our age. We all have something to offer to another. We will never know what it is we have to offer or what we can receive if we never participate in the settings the church offers for us.

Be God's

Becky



YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP BEGINS

SEPTEMBER 19, 1999

Come prepared to plan calendars and elect officers for Youth Fellowship. And .... Welcome our new 6th graders and other new comers.

WHERE: The Youth Room at the church

TIME: 6:00 PM

WHAT TO BRING: A covered dish to share with everyone.

ELECTION 99

Election of officers for Youth Fellowship will be elected at our first meeting. The offices available are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Historian, Fund-raising Chairperson. Job descriptions will be available on Sept. 19th. All officers will be actively involved in the planning and carrying out of the Youth program this year.

BE GOD'S TO THE WORLD

SEPTEMBER 1999

INVITE A FRIEND TO YOUTH THIS YEAR.

BRING YOUR IDEAS FOR ACTIVITIES.

SNACK SUPPER

This year the plans are to continue snack supper for Youth Fellowship. We would like to engage all families to participate. Come prepared to sign up your family for a date.

August 12, 1999

Tom, Phil, and I would like to use this means to thank our wonderful church family for all the many gifts of kindness to Howard and myself during our long illness and Howard's recent death. Words can never express our appreciation to all of you who have supported us with your prayers, gifts of friendship, food, etc. You have encouraged us to face our circumstances with a braver spirit than we could have done alone and through your acts of love you have reminded us daily of God's love and watchcare over us also.

I would have liked to write each of you personally but I am not able to do that now.

Gratefully,
Page Edgerton

Dear Church Members,

Thank you so much for choosing me to receive the Elon College Community Church Scholarship. By selecting me, you have greatly decreased the financial burden that rests upon my mother's shoulders. I can assure you that I will do everything in my power to uphold the ideals of your contribution.

In God's Peace,

Emily Woody

The Parents of Lesli R. Denny are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter to Robert D. Arrington. The couple is planning a church wedding for September 17, 2000.

HOMECOMING

The annual HOMECOMING service for our church is being planned for Sunday, October 10. We will have a pot luck luncheon followed by special music. Read the details in the October issue of THE TORCH.



REV. MARIA PALMER, Pastor of our hispanic church in Chapel Hill, has been named to the State Board of Education by Governor Jim Hunt.

To my Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I wish to take this opportunity to express a sincere thanks for the blessing and wonderful gifts I received at the Sunday morning service. These gifts and the blessing will go along way in helping me as I continue my education at Lancaster Theological Seminary. You will always be in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you.

In Christ's Service,
Ray Charles Turner



The Women's Fellowship will be having a General Meeting on September 6, and the speaker will be Carol Chase, Professor of Religious Studies at Elon College.



ECCC Music



Like the handbells?

Want to play them?

Organizational meeting
for all (youth and adults)
interested in ringing

Sunday, September 12
5:00 p.m.
Choir Room

Thursday	Friday	Saturday

BEGINNING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11:00 A.M.

2	3 7:30p Shelter Meal/ Seekers (Wilkins)	4
9 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club 7:00p Service Faire	10	11
16 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club	17	18
23 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club 	24	25 
30 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club 7:00p Service Faire		

New Members Received on Pentecost Sunday, I


The Lambert Family

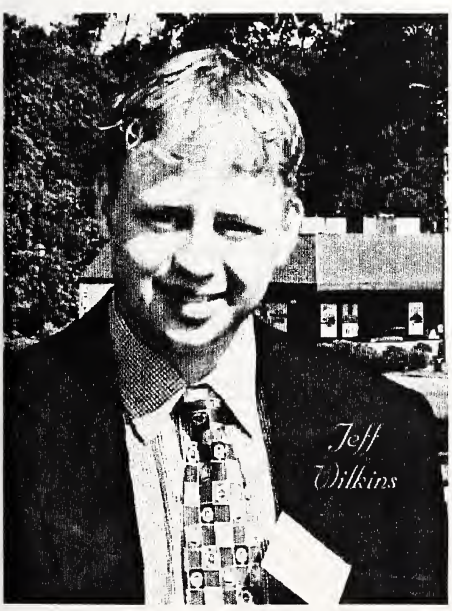



Kathryn & Tom Clark


Claire Welborn







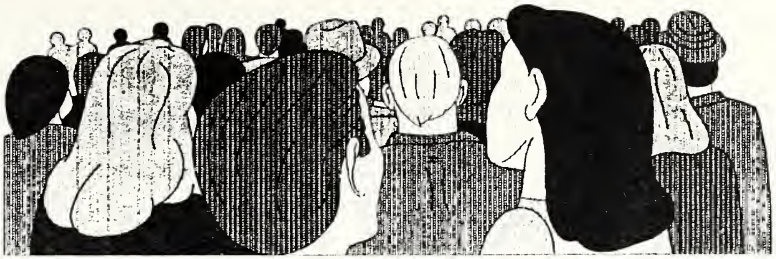


Sarah Bragg

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	

September 1999

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5 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 6:00p & 10:00p Mass **DEACON-ON-CALL** **LYNN DENNY 292-0786**	6 10:30a Circle I 7:30p Circle 2 **Labor Day** **Church Office** **Closed**	7 10:30a Staff Meeting 7:00p Circle 3	8 7:00p Ch 8:00p A./
12 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:00p Bell Choir 6:00p & 10:00p Mass 6:30p Church Nite **DEACON-ON-CALL** **Lou Harper 584-6535**	13	14 10:30a Staff Meeting **Noon TORCH Deadline** 7:00p PFLAG	15 7:00p Ch 8:00p A./
19 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 6:00p Youth 6:00p & 10:00p Mass **DEACON-ON-CALL** **Kay Hensley 584-5940**	20	21 10:30a Staff Meeting	22 7:00p Ch 8:00p A./
26 **Christian Ed./ Rally Day** 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Noon Luncheon 6:00p & 10:00p Mass **DEACON-ON-CALL** **Jackie Matlock 584-7961**	27 7:00p Stephen Ministry Supervision	28 10:30a Staff Meeting	29 7:00p Ch 8:00p A./



Service Faire

Time to decide what your donations will be.

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Put on your thinking cap and be creative. Let's make this our best Service Faire yet. Please provide good description for the catalogue.

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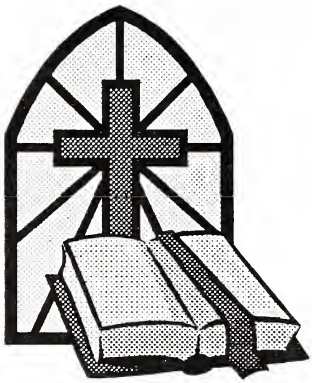
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B.Y.O.B



Bring Your Own Bible

Sunday School

For

Children and Youth

The 1999-2000 Sunday School year for Children and Youth will resumes September 12th, 1999 at 10 AM in the Youth Room.

Ages 5 through Senior High are all welcome to join the fun. There will be:









Please Match

Music Exploring

Sharing Food

Good News of God



From the Board of
Christian Education

Christian Education Sunday/ Rally Day
Sept. 26, 1999

One of the central dynamics of Christian Education is connecting the promise of God's love with our life experiences. We must have the opportunity to explore these experiences, fully recognizing where we are, what we believe, and how we are called to respond to God's grace and love. As we allow God's Word of love to touch us, we are spiritually renewed and motivated to live as God's people. Where and when that happens are essential moments in our lives, representing the essence of Christian Education.

COME HELP US CELEBRATE SUCH A MINISTRY AND HONOR THOSE WHO MAKE SUCH A MINISTRY POSSIBLE.

JOIN US FOR A CHURCH PICNIC IN THE PARISH HOUSE FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

CARING & SHARING/ALLIED CHURCHES AUGUST NEEDS LIST

BURLINGTON	Elderly lady would like someone to go for walks with her.
BURLINGTON	Senior lady requests friendly visits and calls.
BURLINGTON	Disabled lady needs ceiling painted.
BURLINGTON	Senior lady needs help with shopping/mail/visits.
BURLINGTON	Senior lady needs someone to trim her hedges.
BURLINGTON	Elderly gentleman requests friendly visits.
BURLINGTON	Elderly gentleman requests ride to visit wife in nursing home in Pittsboro.
GRAHAM	Senior lady needs assistance with mail.
GRAHAM	Senior lady needs friendly visits.
GRAHAM	Senior lady needs someone to shop for her.
ELON COLLEGE	Senior lady needs someone to help with shopping, also requests friendly visitors.
ELON COLLEGE	Senior lady needs transportation to visit husband in Hospice.
GIBSONVILLE	Senior lady needs assistance with mail.
GIBSONVILLE	Senior lady requests friendly visits.
GIBSONVILLE	Senior lady requests rides to church.

The Shelter and the Kitchen NEEDS are:

SWEETENED CEREAL (i.e., sugar pops, fruit loops, etc.)

DEODORANT

COFFEE
SUGAR and CREAMER

SHAVING CREAM & DISPOSABLE RAZORS

TEA

CAKE MIXES

TOOTH PASTE

Rev. Perry, 229-0881

Enroll your child in .....

Elon Town & Country Childcare

501 North Manning Avenue, Elon College
(336) 584-1400

Our Program is to provide a high standard of quality childcare. Childhood is appreciated as a unique and precious span in the human life cycle. Each child is valued and respected and important to us.

Elon Town & Country will offer:

- **AFTER SCHOOL CARE STARTING IN AUGUST**
  Schools: Elon Elementary, Western Middle, Burlington Day and Gibsonville

- **MOMS MORNING OUT**
  3 & 4 Year olds Monday - Friday (9 am - 11:30 am)

- **Adopt A Grandparent Program with Blakey Hall residents**

- **We help with homework!**

Your child will have an exciting and memorable experience!



Barnyard Animals:

Bubba the Pony
2 Puppies
2 Pygmy Goats

Our congregation unites in sympathy to the families of HOWARD EDGERTON and JOY HAMILTON WASHBURN. The memorial service for Mr. Edgerton was on July 30 and for Mrs. Washburn on August 14.



Neighbors In Need

The "Neighbors" offering support selected efforst of our church to heal the effects of injustice in society. It enables the church to advocate prophetically to the systems of power so that root causes of suffering and evil might be addressed. The "Neighbors" offering continues our significant finanacial support of the council for American Indian Ministry. This offering will support ministries that work to alleviate hunger and to promote a just peace.

Mary Ruth
Missions Board

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
(12/12) 7 MONTHS
CCB General Checking Acct
REPORT DATE: 07/31/1999

ACCOUNT	CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR)	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE	OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR)
INCOME						
TOTAL INCOME	17,067.54	118,321.58	136,141.25	17,319.67	233,385.00	120,481.07
TOTAL RENTAL INCOME	1,050.00	7,020.00	7,290.50	270.50	12,498.00	6,155.00
TOTAL OFFICE INCOME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
TOTAL SALES TAX REFUND	.00	.00	466.69	466.69	800.00	452.36
TOTAL VBS TUITION & FEES	.00	.00	29.19	29.19	50.00	.00
TOTAL GENERAL REFUNDS	.00	1,287.07	87.50	1,199.57+	150.00	191.35
TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	729.00	3,620.52	.00	3,620.52+	.00	2,281.77
TOTAL Interest	38.28	488.58	350.00	138.58+	600.00	745.92
TOTAL Misc. Income Accts	.00	980.01	.00	980.01+	.00	.00
TOTAL INCOME	18,934.92	132,217.86	144,365.13	12,147.27	247,483.00	130,307.67
EXPENSES						
TOTAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME	.00	143.00	.00	143.00+	.00	1,762.26
TOTAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	.00	425.00	1,025.00	600.00	3,045.00	400.00
TOTAL OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	1,115.00	3,805.00	3,778.40	26.60+	15,424.00	3,705.00
TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSES	.00	1,753.03	2,242.05	489.02	3,770.00	2,484.39
TOTAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	700.00	7,218.41	1,925.55	5,292.86+	2,300.00	491.83
TOTAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES	28.50	282.26	361.45	79.19	550.00	585.45
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP	638.97	2,287.47	4,734.91	2,447.44	7,925.00	2,907.06
TOTAL SALARY EXPENSES	12,513.13	86,955.88	91,723.03	4,767.15	157,807.00	77,737.29
TOTAL Facility Operation Exp.	2,920.20	27,459.72	34,677.28	7,217.56	62,270.00	29,423.89
TOTAL Misc Expense Accts	25.00	1,145.34	.00	1,145.34+	.00	396.04
TOTAL EXPENSES	18,040.80	136,475.11	145,467.67	8,992.56	253,591.00	124,393.71
NET TOTALS	894.12	4,257.25-				5,913.96



CHOIR ROBES NEEDED

Our choir is growing and we are delighted. However, this means that we need new choir robes. Our goal is to get 15 new choir robes. They cost approximately $100 each. Would you like to purchase one or two robes for the choir? Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

SUMMER CASH FLOW

It is usually the case that our income during the summer months is less than our expenses. Keeping your pledge payments up to date is helpful to the treasurer. Some of you have been especially helpful by prepaying your pledges so that the church could meets its obligations in a timely manner.

THE STEEPLE FUND IS GROWING

The steeple fund continues to grow. As we have previously indicated, the total amount needed to cover the steeple with copper metal will be about $6500. We now have $4168 in the fund. The trustees are prepared to proceed as soon as the money is available. Maybe this is a project with which you would like to help.



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Eric and Melodie Allshouse on the arrival of your bundle of joy!!

REID DUNN ALLSHOUSE

Born: August 12, 1999

Time: 11:59p.m.

9 lbs, 2 oz.

20" long

A story from your Global Ministries . . .

"The Lord will...satisfy your needs in parched places,...and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail." (Isaiah 58:11, NRSV)

BUILDING A FUTURE FOR THEMSELVES

Daniel and Sandra Gourdet serve in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. Daniel is Development Officer involved with community and church projects--food production and distribution, cattle and poultry raising and income generating projects. Sandra works with the Women's Desk for the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa (UCCSA), Zimbabwe Synod. They often work together since most community development programs are organized by women. They write of the problems the country faces--salaries eroding in value, AIDS, malaria, fear of cholera from Mozambique, domestic violence. The problems are overwhelming and beyond the ability of the church alone to change, but they write, "The UCCSA recognizes her responsibility of being involved in a holistic ministry. If the community suffers, the church suffers as well. We are grateful to be part of this church as it seeks to witness to the community."

Describing what development means to them, they write, "We don't see development as just projects. It is about building relationships and building people so that they can build a future for themselves. It is about building one's strength and viability, like a plant from the roots upward. It is a journey that never ends, but rather, it is like a spring from which water continuously flows."

"Garden projects at Inyathi and Hope Fountain (the oldest missions in the entire country) provide a valuable source of income for the church as well as providing employment for several persons. A welding workshop, a bakery, tailoring shop, soap making enterprise, crafts and basketry exports, a catering service are all projects initiated by UCCSA which are now empowering people, enabling them to take control of their lives."

You make the difference . . .

The prayers and help you provide through your local congregations make possible the work and witness of *GLOBAL MINISTRIES*, which is supported by Basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) of the United Church of Christ.



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Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

Flowers for SEPTEMBER
Sept 5 - Mr & Mrs Michael Gregory
Sept 12 - Inauguration Service
Sept 19 - Dr. and Mrs. Leo Lambert
Sept 26 - Perry and Willard Families

Ushers for SEPTEMBER
Sept 5 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
Sept 12 - Inauguration Service
Sept 19 - Bill Beyer, Joseph Davis, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
Sept 26 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler

Acolytes for SEPTEMBER
Sept 5 - Jesse Chatfield/Robert Danieley
Sept 12 - Inauguration Service
Sept 19 - Leigh Ann Denny/Rebecca Perry
Sept 26 - Jeff Wilkins III/Zach Welborn

Greeters for SEPTEMBER
Sept 5 - Bill and Jackie Pendergrass
Sept 12 - Inauguration Service
Sept 19 - Biff and Doris Brafford
Sept 26 - Cary and Jackie Matlock

Bulletin Board Update for SEPTEMBER
1st Week - Christy Ruth
2nd Week - Fred Grosse
3rd Week - Linda Vogg
4th Week - Olga Griswold/Liz Bensen

Nursery for SEPTEMBER
Sept 5 - Open
Sept 12 - Beth Schmidt/Hilda Oxford
Sept 19 - Maxine Rich/Miranda Rich
Sept 26 - Cile Welborn/Claire Welborn

Liturgists for SEPTEMBER
Sept 5 - Dr. William Andes
Sept 12 - Inauguration Service
Sept 19 - Gayland Welborn
Sept 26 - Marsh McLelland

Second Hour Child Care for SEPTEMBER
Sept 5 - Sue Brown/David Brown
Sept 12 - Inauguration Service
Sept 19 - Gayland Welborn/Mark Danieley
Sept 26 - Patsy and Eddie Oliver

Church Attendance for
Aug 1 - 147
Aug 8 - 121
Aug 15 - 126
Aug 22 - 126
Aug 29 - 253

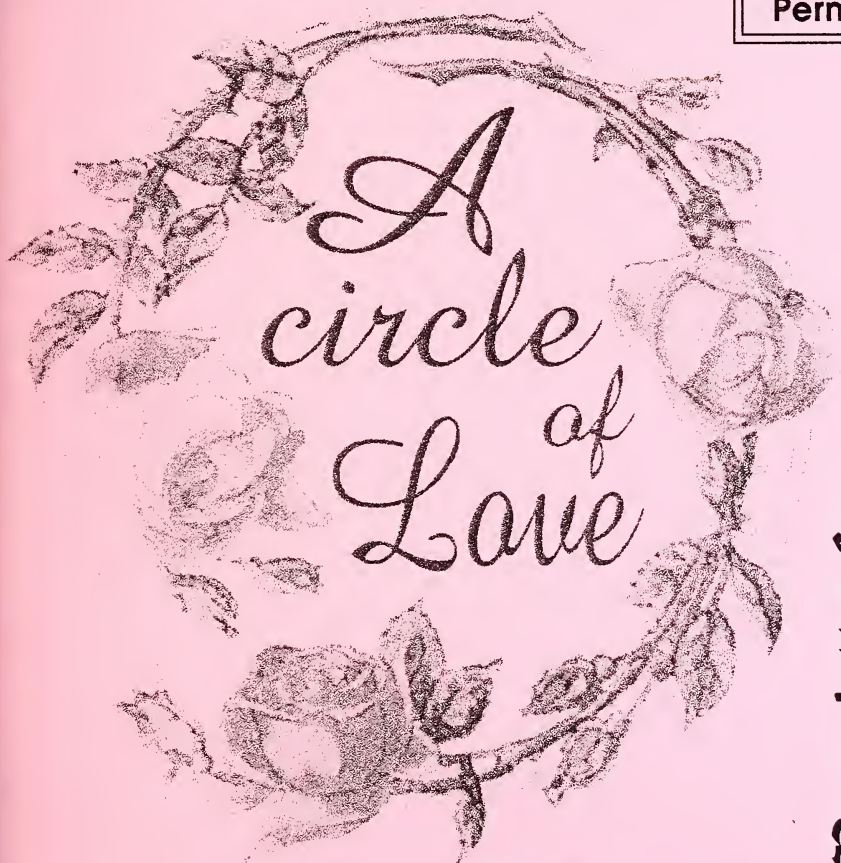


Jack Flynn

Beginning Sunday, September 5
Adult Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

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Newsletter for:

The Torch
October 1999

WELCOME HOME, ARCH!

All of us in join in an enthusiastic welcome as you return to your full-time duties as our pastor and teacher. We have missed you. Your presence among us is vital. Your absence served to emphasize how much we treasure your leadership. WELCOME BACK!

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THANK YOU, KEN TYSON

We are deeply indebted to the Rev. Dr. Ken Tyson for his pastoral and worship leadership during the past three months. You have done a great job for us and we deeply appreciate your service. You have our deep appreciation and our sincere best wishes.

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INAUGURAL EVENTS

Thanks to all who participated in the inaugural events at the College during September 12-15. To Della Scott who led the Maroon Line, to our pastor who assisted in the worship service, to Darla Bray who directed the combined choirs, to William Ellis who wrote the Elon Alma Mater, to the members of the choir who sang for the worship service, and to every other person who helped to make the events so memorable, deep and deep appreciation.

To the Lambert family, our warmest good wishes. Inaugural week was, indeed, an historic occasion for all of us. Congratulations to our new president. Again we welcome you and your family to the leadership of this academic community. God's richest blessings upon you.

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SIMMONS GOLF TOURAMENT

The Dr. Leonard Simmons Memorial Golf Tournament sponsored by the Burlington Area UCC Laymen's Fellowship is scheduled for October 9. If you wish to participate, see or call Ken Bensen.

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HOMECOMING

HOMECOMING is scheduled for October 10. Hear all of the details during the worship service on October 3. There will be a fellowship luncheon followed by special music which you will not want to miss.

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THE CHURCH COUNCIL WILL MEET AT 8:00 P.M., OCTOBER 10.

I wish to express my gratitude to God and all of you for the opportunity to serve as Interim Pastor of Caring and Worship during Rev. Aitcheson's Sabbatical. Your warm greetings and gracious welcome have allowed me to easily assume this position. Our precious Lord performs wondrous and mighty works in the daily lives of each of us and my time with you, thus far, has proven to be no exception.

Visiting with you is both a delight and a blessing for me. Should there be any issues which need to be discussed (or listened to), please know that I am available to you and can be reached through the church office at 584-0391.

Ken Tyson, Interim Pastor

Third Annual Service Faire Is Coming!!

Have you filled out your service faire donation forms and turned them into the church office? If not, do it today!

Auction booklets and tickets will be on sale the first week of October, 1999 in the Narthex on Sunday mornings or during the week in the church office!

Sabbatical Musings *September 2, 1999*

ORMAND BEACH, FLORIDA - Those who know me well, know that my favorite spot is by the sea. The past weeks have been delightful! While Hurricane Dennis made threats to this coastline, it did little except cause high tides and rough surf. The days have been sunny and warm. The ocean has been deep blue and refreshing.

I have continued my morning scripture walks. In this location I have been getting up before sunrise and walking along the coast line for a five to six mile jaunt. It allows me to see the spectacular sunrises over the Atlantic. I continue to use a scripture passage as a meditation focus during these walks. I have added short sprints to the exercise, too! The morning air, the ocean breeze, and the quiet of each new day brings a prayerful calm to my soul.

After my walk I take a quick dip in the warm ocean waters and then return to my home away from home to have a light breakfast and begin my activities. Mid morning finds me reading, writing and praying. I continue to use De Mello's guide for my quiet time, finding it more and more helpful and revealing. Spiritual refreshing has been the result.

The manuscript for Reflections of Grace is complete. After some outside editing I will be searching for a publisher. The book includes poems of people and events in my life that have revealed God's grace to me and to others. Some of the poems you will recognize.

I have also begun work on a professional book with the possible title, Facing the Tide: A New Century Look at The Ordained Ministry in the United Church of Christ Tradition for Clergy and Congregations. Thirty years in ministry brings concerns to this pastor as we face the twenty-first century. Changes in our culture, our denominational structures and our churches prompts this writing designed to be helpful to clergy and local churches. I know this will not be finished by the end of my Sabbatical, but hopefully it will be ready for publication by the new year.

My reading has included Anderson and Hopkins' The Feminine Face of God, Andrew Greeley's Contract With An Angel, Metzger's Reminiscences of and Octogenarian, Monty Roberts The Man Who Listens to Horses. All are thought provoking and give me lots of sermon ideas!

While in Florida I have been attending worship at the Seabreeze United Church of Christ in Daytona Beach. I chose the church from their newspaper ad. It told of a contemporary, casual-dress worship service at 10 am on Sundays. What a wonderful experience!

The service features modern music, a six piece combo, vocal trio, computer monitor screen with the words to new hymns, and visuals that help illustrate the sermons, prayers and hymns! People of all ages, especially young couples and youjng families crowd the historic church, wearing T-Shirts, shorts, golf attire, etc.

On my first Sunday I was met by ten or twelve members outside the sanctuary doors. They were most welcoming and attentive. Two provided the simple bulletin and explained about the "contemporary" service so that as a new comer I would feel comfortable. EVERYONE, I repeat, EVERYONE, wore a name tag and made an effort to introduce themselves to me.

During the Service the pastor invited all who had been to service there before to stand. Then he told
m to extend the hand of peace and welcome to those who were sitting. To my surprise, one of the couples
o greeted me had been members of one of my former parishes! They invited me to the fellowship time and to
nch. It was clear that I was no the only one getting such treatment. Of all the communities I have visited
er this sabbatical period, this one was clearly spiritually prepared to meet people as they are and extend God's
ing welcome. I have ideas for our own planning for contemporary worship in Elon.

The church does have a traditional service at 11:16 am, but it is clear that growth has resulted from the
lier service!

Of course I am thankful to my sponsors who have provided me with their home by the sea. The sounds
the waves and the sunshine have been a bright spot in my enrichment.

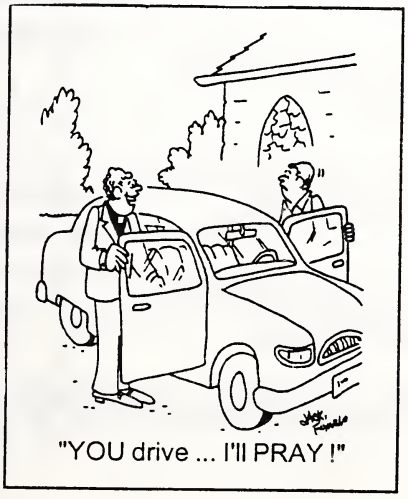
Next, it is on to the North Carolina mountains for a few weeks before re-entry into the life of the church
October 1.

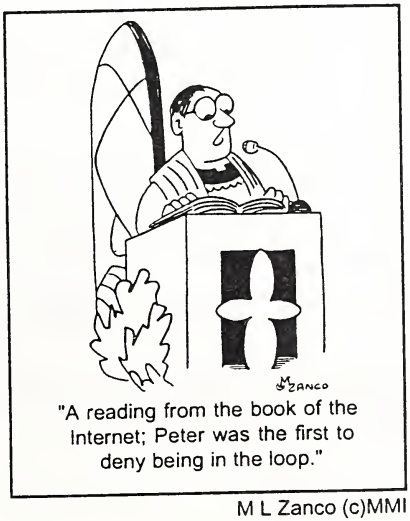
I was saddened to hear of the death of Caroline Powell and Eugenia Wagoner from our church
mmunity. Caroline is one of the entry's in my book. What a wonderful legacy she leaves for professional
omen of the twentieth century! Eugenia was an amazing lady, who faced so much sadness with such courage
d determination! My prayers include them and all of you at Elon.

See you soon!

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ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

OCTOBERFEST

OCTOBER 24, 1999

COME EXPERIENCE GOOD GERMAN FOOD AND HOMEMADE DESSERTS PREPARED FOR YOU WITH LOVE BY LINDA VOGG IN THE PARISH HOUSE FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

THE MONEY RAISED WILL HELP TO UPDATE THE PARISH HOUSE KITCHEN.

YOU MAY PURCHASE TICKETS IN THE NARTHEX EACH SUNDAY DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

PRICES: $10.00 FOR ADULTS
$ 5.00 FOR CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY

YOUTH NEWS



PROGRAMS FOR OCTOBER

OCT. 3 -Bring your Eagle eye ready for that Hole-in-one. Cost to play Putt-Putt is $5.00. Snack supper begins at 6:00 pm. We will return by 8:00 pm.
SNACK SUPPER PARENTS: The Lambert's

OCT. 17 - All parents are invited to participate in a game of nerf football with the youth.
SNACK SUPPER PARENTS: The Welborn's

OCT. 24 - Are you ready for another GREAT PUMPKIN HUNT? Come test your skills for finding the treasure this year. If you dare!



YOUTH OFFICERS FOR 1999-2000

PRESIDENT:
LEIGH ANN DENNY

VICE-PRESIDENT:
SARAH BRAGG

SECRETARY:
KIM ACQUILANO

FUND-RAISING CHAIR:
CALLIE LAMBERT

HISTORIAN:
JEFF WILKINS

CONGRATULATIONS!

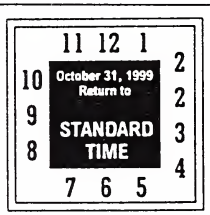
CALENDAR SALES BEGIN OCT. 3.

Remember to make yourself available to sell calendars before and after worship the Sundays in October.

So when Callie calls, remember to say "YES"!



October 1999

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
3 **ELON'S FAMILY/WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** 8:30a Worship(McBride) 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 6:00p Youth 6:00p & 10:00p Mass	**4** 10:30a Circle I 7:00p Den Meeting 7:30p Circle 2	**5** 10:30a Staff Meeting 7:00p Circle 3	**6** 7:00p C 8:00p A
10 **HOMECOMING** 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Noon Luncheon 6:00p & 10:00p Mass 6:30p Church Nite 8:00p Church Council	**11** **Columbus Day Church Office Closed** 7:00p Den Meeting	**12** 10:30a Staff Meeting 7:00p PFLAG	**13** 7:00p C 8:00p A
17 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 6:00p Youth 6:00p & 10:00p Mass	**18** 7:00p Den Meeting	**19** 10:30a Staff Meeting	**20** 7:00p Cl 8:00p A.
24 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Worship **Noon OCTOBER FEST Luncheon** 6:00p & 10:00p Mass	**25** 7:00p Pack Meeting 7:00p Stephen Ministry Supervision	**26** 10:30a Staff Meeting	**27** 7:00p Cl 8:00p A.
31 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 6:00p & 10:00p Mass			**BULLETIN BLOOPERS**



Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:30p Shelter Meal/ Seekers (Wilkins)	2 9:00a ENCA-Franklinton Center
7 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club 7:00p Service Faire Cmte.	8	9
14 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club 7:00p Service Faire Cmte.	15	16
21 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club 7:00p Service Faire Cmte.	22	23
28 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club 7:00p Service Faire Cmte.	29	30

r someone up. Send a sick
o our members who are in
spital.

*The Lord made a number of earthy appearances following his resurrection.

*Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice and sin.

There are never words that truly express the gratitude we feel for such acts of kindness!

The lovely lunch prepared and served by Grandmother's church family gave all of us a chance to visit with friends and family.

We especially wish to thank Jackie Matlock and Hilda Oxford for being there when we needed them the most.

May God Bless you all!

The Family of Eugenia Wagoner
Leslie Stegall Cornell Lynne Stegall Moser
Dawn Stegall Mann Grey Wagoner Auger
Malvin H. Stegall

Dear Elon College Community Church Friends:

Thank you for the many forms of love and support you gave our family during these past weeks in the loss of daughter Joy. Your prayers, presence, cards, calls, flowers, words and memorials are comforting.

Especially to all persons responsible for the delicious luncheon at noon in the Parish House we are grateful. The foods were delicious and we were pleased for the opportunity to fellowship with you again.

The Elon College Community church and church friends were important to Joy; you have been there when needed.

Do accept our humble gratitude for the various ways you have supported us throughout our lives.

With love,
Tom and Jane Hamilton

NEW ADDRESS:

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"At long last our financial worries are over. We're out of money."

ADVENT EVENT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR INTERGENERATIONAL ADVENT EVENT !

DECEMBER 12, 1999
6:00 PM





ACOLYTES

If you are interested in being an acolyte of the coming year, please contact Becky of the Board of Deacons to get your name on the schedule and be trained. All children and youth grades 3 and up are welcome to participate.

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TOTAL RENTAL INCOME	2,125.00	9,145.00	8,332.00	813.00+	12,498.00	8,145.00
TOTAL OFFICE INCOME	15.00-	15.00-	.00	15.00	.00	.00
TOTAL SALES TAX REFUND	.00	.00	533.36	533.36	800.00	913.70
TOTAL VBS TUITION & FEES	.00	.00	33.36	33.36	50.00	.00
TOTAL GENERAL REFUNDS	.00	1,287.07	100.00	1,187.07+	150.00	238.55
TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	.00	3,620.52	.00	3,620.52+	.00	2,281.77
TOTAL Interest	6.34	494.92	400.00	94.92+	600.00	758.19
TOTAL Misc. Income Accts	.00	980.01	.00	980.01+	.00	.00
TOTAL INCOME	27,374.26	159,592.12	164,988.72	5,396.60	247,483.00	148,533.18
EXPENSES						
TOTAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME	1,621.00	1,764.00	.00	1,764.00+	.00	1,942.77
TOTAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	600.00	1,025.00	1,625.00	600.00	3,045.00	900.00
TOTAL OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	1,200.00	10,005.00	9,939.60	65.40+	15,424.00	9,870.00
TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSES	928.97	2,682.00	2,495.20	186.80+	3,770.00	2,515.64
TOTAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	700.00	7,918.41	2,279.20	5,639.21+	2,800.00	876.57
TOTAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES	.00	282.26	398.80	116.54	550.00	560.89
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP	362.38	2,649.85	5,347.04	2,697.19	7,925.00	3,502.58
TOTAL SALARY EXPENSES	13,006.46	99,962.34	104,826.32	4,863.98	157,807.00	87,736.79
TOTAL Facility Operation Exp.	4,503.93	31,963.65	40,338.32	8,374.67	62,270.00	34,527.06
TOTAL Misc Expense Accts	.00	1,145.34	.00	1,145.34+	.00	396.04
TOTAL EXPENSES	22,922.74	159,397.85	167,249.48	7,851.63	253,591.00	142,828.34
NET TOTALS	4,451.52	194.27				5,704.84

Mission Note

The following note comes to our congregation from Millard Fuller, President of Habitat for Humanity, in response to our contribution to the international organization: "Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity which helps build houses and hope. We take seriously our responsibility to contributors, to those counting on our help, and to God, to be wise stewards of the funds entrusted to us. Please know that your gift is a real blessing to our work."

Submitted by,
Jane Alexander

YEAR 2000 CALENDARS....

THE YOUTH WILL BE SELLING WONDERFUL APPOINTMENT CALENDARS THIS YEAR.

THESE WONDERFUL CALENDARS HAVE BEAUTIFUL PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF GOD'S WORLD. THEY ARE SPIRAL BOUND .

THESE CALENDARS SELL FOR ONLY $6.00. PLEASE SUPPORT THE YOUTH WITH YOUR PURCHASE. PLAN TO PURCHASE YOURS ON THE SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER IN THE NARTHEX.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT YOUTH ACTIVITIES.



Reverend and Mrs. Arch Aitchesen
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Joy Lea
to
Mr. Nathan Neil Dunn
on Saturday, the twenty-third of October
Nineteen hundred and ninety-nine
at one o'clock in the afternoon
Elon College Community Church UCC
Elon College, North Carolina

SEPTEMBER NEEDS LISTS FOR ALLIED CHURCHES

CARING & SHARING, Call Rev. Diana Perry, 229-0881

BURLINGTON	Elderly lady would like someone to go for walks with her.
BURLINGTON	Senior lady needs someone to help her install air conditioner.
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BURLINGTON	Senior lady requests friendly visits and calls.
BURLINGTON	Senior lady needs help with shopping/mail/visits.
BURLINGTON	Senior lady needs someone to trim her hedges.
BURLINGTON	Elderly gentleman requests friendly visits.
BURLINGTON	Elderly gentleman requests ride to visit wife in nursing home in Pittsboro.
GRAHAM	Senior lady needs assistance with mail.
GRAHAM	Senior lady needs friendly visits.
GRAHAM	Senior lady needs someone to shop for her.
GRAHAM	Senior lady needs someone to mow her lawn twice a month.
ELON COLLEGE	Senior lady needs someone to help with shopping, also requests friendly visitors.
ELON COLLEGE	Senior lady would like someone to go for walks with her.
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CAKE MIXES
VOLUNTEERS, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM, ANY WEEKDAY.

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TOOTH BRUSHES & TOOTH PASTE DEODORANT
SWEETENED CEREAL SHAVING CREAM & DISPOSABLE RAZORS
VOLUNTEERS, 6:00 - 11:00 PM

A story from your Global Ministries . . .

"We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching...." (Romans 12:6, NRSV)

TO FALL IN LOVE WITH TEACHING

Kate Goodspeed teaches English in China, appointed by Global Ministries to the Amity Foundation, a church-related Chinese agency that works with the poor and disadvantaged in China. Amity believes that one of the ways to lift rural people out of poverty is to increase the level of English teaching in the countryside. Kate and other Amity teachers are engaged in training teachers from the poorer, rural areas of China. Kate is also staff teacher for Amity and helps train and write materials for Amity's 80 foreign teachers.

Kate has written about how she tries to engage her students in learning English. "Yesterday, in the second full day of a four-day workshop, I taught body language and mime. We were arrogant kings and queens, destitute beggars, despairing parents and excited lottery winners. Today I taught intonation and vocal expression. My students are all returning middle-school English teachers, many of whom have little confidence in their spoken English. Indeed, some have almost no spoken English at all, though they undoubtedly have a better understanding of the past participle than I do."

"Working on non-verbal expression creates a level playing field where all the students can be equally confident, no matter what their level of English. Working on intonation also gives them confidence and lets them see how much fun speaking English can be. Most of them don't really want to be teachers, especially English teachers, but they have little choice. Part of my job, as I see it, is to help them fall in love with teaching English and experience new ways to teach their students."

You make the difference . . .

The prayers and help you provide through your local congregations make possible the work and witness of *GLOBAL MINISTRIES*, which is supported by Basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) of the United Church of Christ.

Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

Flowers for OCTOBER

Oct 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fairfield
Oct 10 - Dr. and Mrs. Emmett Floyd
Oct 17 - Mr. and Mrs. William Butler
Oct 24 - Mr. and Mrs. Eric Allshouse
Oct 31 - Mr. and Mrs. Earl Vickers, Jr.

Ushers for OCTOBER

Oct 3 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
Oct 10 - Tommy Oakley, Steve Perry, Bill Ruth, Linda Vogg
Oct 17 - Bill Beyer, Joseph Davis, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
Oct 24 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler
Oct 31 - Walter Boyd, Jim Lyon, David Ruth, Ken Bensen

Acolytes for OCTOBER

Oct 3 - Miranda Rich/Nicole Williamson
Oct 10 - David Brown/Laura Brown
Oct 17 - Jesse Chatfield/Anna Wilkins
Oct 24 - Zach Welborn/Robert Danieley
Oct 31 - Jeff Wilkins, III/Rebecca Perry

Greeters for OCTOBER

Oct 3 - Liz Aitcheson & Doris Molina
Oct 10 - Bill and Lucille Andes
Oct 17 - Beth Schmidt & Jane Alexander
Oct 24 - Harvey and Fran Hook
Oct 31 - Evelyn Terrell & Juanita Loy

Bulletin Board Update for OCTOBER

1st Week - Patsy Jourdan
2nd Week - Christy Ruth
3rd Week - Kim Perry
4th Week - Linda Vogg

Nursery for OCTOBER

Oct 3 - Heidi Danieley & Olga Griswold
Oct 10 - Wilma & Nicole Williamson
Oct 17 - Eric & Melodie Allshouse
Oct 24 - Open
Oct 31 - Carol & George Oakley

Liturgists for OCTOBER

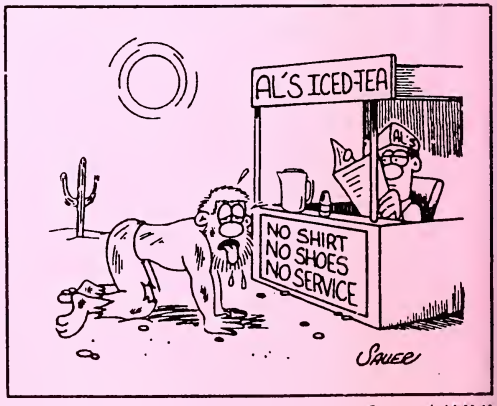
Oct 3 - Matt Woody
Oct 10 - Ann Acquilano
Oct 10 - Jim Lyon
Oct 10 - Laura Chatfield
Oct 10 - Beth Wilkins

Second Hour Child Care for OCTOBER

Oct 3 - Bill Linde & Katherine Floyd
Oct 10 - Laura Chatfield & Ashton Oliver
Oct 17 - Jimma Causey & Kim Webb
Oct 24 - Marie Wilkins & Jeff Wilkins, III
Oct 31 - Christy & David Ruth-

Church Attendance for

Sept 5 - 131
Sept 12 - 0
Sept 19 - 222
Sept 26 - 157



DON'T FORGET

CROP WALK is October 2
If you are unable to walk you
help sponsor a walker. Call t
Church office or Louis Wilki
to help sponsor a walker.


Angels we have
heard on high

From the Pastor

Why is it
that one child shoots another child
that one child raises a child of her own
that one child starves and another is overfed
that all children are hungry
for spiritual food
for understanding
for someone to listen
and for genuine love?

Why is it
that one child fears her own childhood
that one child is abandoned and abused
that one child is over-indulged and spoiled
that all children are starving
for sound guidance
for safe boundaries
for solid values
and for genuine forgiveness?

Why is it
that one child is born to hope beyond despair
that one child becomes a sigh of the sacred
that one child is born to a teen mother
because all children need
Good News
mercy upon mercy
grace upon grace
and a chance at new life?

Why is it
That we do not hear that one child or our own
That we do not love that one child or our own
That we reject that one child's truth for our own
That we deny God's starving children
by refusing to listen
by refusing to believe
by refusing to trust
and by refusing to love?

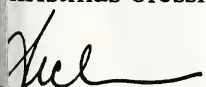
God sends one child
Who invites us to listen and to live
Who invites us to provide examples of grace
Who invites us to demonstrate God's love
Who invites us to reach all children
with the gift of peace
with the gift of forgiveness
with the gift of faith
with the gift of hope.

Why is it
That we do not claim this truth as our Christmas Joy?

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As you prepare for Christmas examine yourselves seeking the gifts of life that give thers the signs of your faith in the One Child of God who loves us enough to send him) save us.

Christmas blessings,



Confirmation 2000
November and December Schedule

NOVEMBER 14 12:15 p.m
U.C.C. History
Meal: Rich Family

NOVEMBER 21 12:15 p.m.
Biblical Introduction
Meal: Pizza

DECEMBER 12 12:15
Christmas Traditions
Meal: Lambert Family

Millennium Class Members:
Callie Lambert, Miranda Rich, Nicole Williamson, Geoffrey Bengel,Josh Padgett



WORLD AIDS DAY SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1
7:00 PM

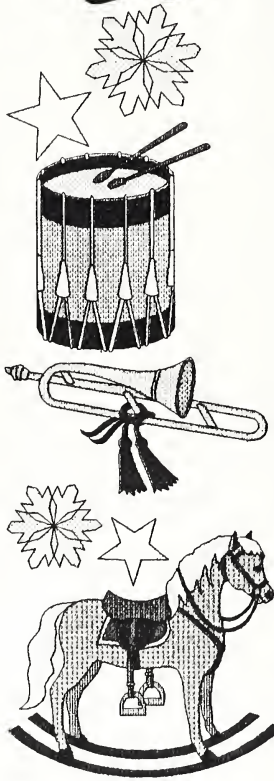
at
Elon College Community Church, UCC
Williamson Ave.
Elon College, NC

A SERVICE OF PRAYER AND COMFORT
Open to all who care.
Join us in this international service of faith and hope.



Nursery News

"CHILDREN SHOULD BE THE CHURCH'S BUSINESS".



When children are baptized at Elon College Community Church, we, as adults, covenant to care for our children. Our Nursery and Second Hour Child care program is in need of more people willing to give a few hours each quarter to love a baby or play with a toddler or interact with an elementary age child. We need loving arms and helping hands to uphold our covenant. Call the church office if you can serve in this special ministry of our church.

YOUTH NEWS

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

Dec. 5 – MORAVIAN LOVE FEAST
Join us for the beautiful tradition of the Moravian Love Feast. It's a wonderful candlelight service of worship to begin the Advent and Christmas season. The service begins at 5:00 pm.

Dec. 12 – CHURCH FAMILY ADVENT EVENT
Join with the whole church community as we experience a night at the Bethlehem Inn. This is a dinner theatre experience and some of the youth will be participating. The event begins at 6:00 pm.

Dec. 19 – SKATE YOUR WAY INTO THE HOLIDAYS
We will be traveling to Greensboro for ice skating following worship on that Sunday. Plan to bring clothes to change into. Lunch will be provided by Snack Parents. Cost to skate is $6.00/$2.00 rental. Skating time is 1:30 – 3:30 pm. We will return to the church by 4:30 pm.
SKI TRIP MONEY WILL BE DUE ON THIS DATE!

Youth will not meet during the holidays. Our next scheduled meeting will be Jan. 16, 2000. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

IN BETHLEHEM INN....

This is an event for all ages. Come dine as a guest at the inn the night Jesus was born.

RESERVATION FORM

usehold Name: _____

). to attend: _____

one: _____

we) will bring:

___ A large Pot of Soup

___ A platter of sandwiches

___ A platter of cookies

___ A gallon of Tea/other drink

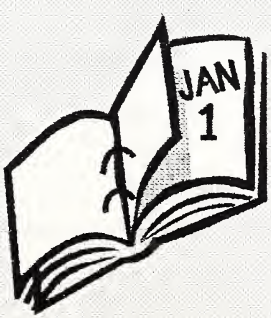
DECEMBER 12, 1999

6:00 – 7:30 PM

RSVP BY DEC. 5, 1999 TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.



REMINDER!



Year 2000 Calendars are still available . Cost is $6.00. If interested, see Becky.

-Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	

December 1999



			1 7:00p W 7:00p Ch 8:00p A.
5 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 12:15p Confirmation 5:00p Moravian Love Feast 6:30p Mass 9:30p Mass **DEACON-ON-CALL:** Steve Perry 449-7668	6 10:30a Circle 1 6:30p Cub Scouts 7:30p Circle 2	7 10:30a Staff 11:30a Circle 3 (PH)	8 7:00p Ch 8:00p A. 8:00p Ma
12 9:45a S.S./11:00a Worship Noon Congregation Meeting 12:15p Confirmation 6:00p Advent Event 6:30p Mass/9:30p Mass 8:00p Church Council **DEACON-ON-CALL:** Lynn Denny 292-0786	13 6:30p Pack Meeting	14 10:30a Staff **NOON TORCH DEADLINE** 7:00p PFLAG	15 7:00p Ch 8:00p A.
19 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Noon Youth 7:00p Steward/Budget/Finance **DEACON-ON-CALL:** Lou Harper 584-6535	20	21 10:30a Staff	22 7:00p Ch 8:00p A.
26 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship **DEACON-ON-CALL:** Kay Hensley 584-5940	27 7:00p Stephen's Ministry Supervision	28 10:30a Staff	29 7:00p Ch 8:00p A.

On Stage in Concert

November 27, 1999

Holiday Music & Fun Galore ...

FIRST CLASS OCTET



Paramount Theater

128 East Front St. Burlington

Reserve Seating: Box Office Open Mon. - Fri. 12:00-3:00p.m.

For Information & Credit Card Reservations Call 222-8497

Admission $8.00

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Circle 3 will meet December 7, 1999 at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish House. 		
2 7:30p Breakfast Bible Club vice	3 6:45p Special Friday's 7:30p Shelter Meal	4
9 7:30p Breakfast Bible Club	10 6:00p Rehearsal	11 Set up for Advent Event 4:00p Wedding
16 7:30p Breakfast Bible Club	17	18
23	24 **CHRISTMAS EVE** **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** 5:00p Christmas Service 11:00p Christmas Service	25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**  
30	31 **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**	

Living Faith

Ruth Dunn would portray herself, humbly, as "poor in spirit,"
As she ever yearned to know more about the Realm of Heaven,
With each breath and each cautious examination of her faith,
And with each lesson or realization of spiritual truth and vision!

She mourned the death of her parents, a sister and a brother,
Seeking and offering comfort to others who knew grief's pain.
Meekness was the epitome of this down-to-earth and heaven-sent gem,
Who put self aside to care for others without hope of praise or gain.

Her hunger and thirst for the right way to live out the Gospel
Made an impact on the lives she touched and who were set spiritually ablaze
By her long years of ministry as teacher, director, trainer, sister and friend.
She taught simplicity, truth, honesty and Christ's practical ways.

Ruth was merciful and forgiving, rarely openly angry or condemning;
Acceptance of others was based upon the mandate to forgive and to love,
Making her a good listener and a wise counselor to child, teen or adult,
As she was empowered by private consultations with her God above.

Few can match the purity of her heart and soul as she strained to hear
Friendship's words and the needs of others expressed in soulful pleas.
One felt accepted and embraced by a gentle presence that took interest
In the lives of family and those she accepted in deep spiritual need.

Peace-making was her style of relating to the crazy world around her;
Her feelings came second to the common good of a peaceful environment.
That selfless attitude allowed her faith to stream like a bright beam of light
Transforming her world and ours by her spirit's serene temperament.

When others would tease and try to make her life more difficult,
She would swallow the hurt or pain and with grace and humility
Strive to cope within the faithful foundation of her dedication to Christ.
Few would know the depths of her sorrow or her personal difficulties.

Ruth Harriette Dunn was one of the capable women of the Christian Church.
Her compassionate search for the ultimate in her relationship with God above,
Is celebrated and revered by those who have witnessed the powerful example
In this woman's living faith, simple and honest, her Be-Attitudes of sacred love.

Dedicated to Ruth Harriette Dunn by her Pastor and Friend, Arch Aitcheson November 8, 1999
Elon College, North Carolina

Determined Angel

An angel arrived on one of God's special days adorned in the splendor of
blue jeans and sweatshirt, socks and sneakers.
The youngest child of the Eyes clan, she grew with the calm and collected
determination of Connecticut Yankee spunk.
Dark flowing tresses curled around her pale, white face, framing dark
eyes and the sincerest of warm smiles.
A voice that was sparkled with notes of soprano tones, represented her
bold and blunt truthfulness and thought.
Love of sci-fi caricatures and the promise of intergalactic unknowns
allowed the child to gleefully burst forth!
Belief in the down-to-basics simplicity of life made her a hard working,
and matter of fact twentieth century woman.
Life challenged her but also brought bright moments of joyous gifts;
and she loved the challenges!
Her love of Rick and faithful support were the natural outcomes for this
determined angel's marriage relationship.
The piper played the music that filled the garden on the day they were married,
and the strong sound became an anchor for their lives.
This determined angel, named Jeanette, reflected that deep abiding beauty,
found only in the depths of the purest soul.
Here we all discovered the heaven-sent gift of a precious life that came
to enrich our lives by her short but sincere impact.
The uniqueness of her being and the sacredness of her spirit moves beyond
the days of this timely journey.
The force of God's love and grace was implanted in her soul and touched
us with the promise of her spiritual timelessness.
This determined angel blessed our days and smiles upon those who cared
with the affirmation of her love and that of the Creator.
She lives on, in the center of our existence, in the forever memories of our world,
and in the starry, eternal peace of her God.

Dedicated to the memory of Jeanette Eyes Holder
November 2, 1999
Arch Aitcheson, Pastor and Friend

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October 28, 1999

Friends at Elon College Community Church
PO Box 625
Elon College, North Carolina 27244

Dear Friends:

We are in grateful receipt of your check in the amount of $445 for the Turkish earthquake. Thanks to gifts such as yours, tent cities have been built. Food and hygiene staples are being distributed. Trauma counseling is taking place. There is underway, as part of the contributions we are sending to Action by Churches Together (ACT), a project to bring water to 50,000 people presently without it. To date, the United Church of Christ has disbursed $75,000 to ACT for its work in Turkey.

As Common Global Ministries missionary Alan (Mick) McCain writes, "So we do not lose heart. Excellent support has emerged from many sides. Meanwhile, we rely on your understanding and your continued prayers..."

You are part of that "excellent support", and we thank you.

Please remember that **One Great Hour of Sharing** is still one of the best ways to defeat poverty and empower people here and around the world all through the year.

Sincerely,

Linda Petrucelli

Linda Petrucelli
Executive for Global Sharing of Resources

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President of the Corporation

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Treasurer

NOVEMBER NEEDS LISTS FOR ALLIED CHURCHES

CARING & SHARING, Call Rev. Diana Perry, 229-0881

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BLEACH & KITCHEN CLEANERS
SUGAR, COFFEE, TEA, CREAMER,
CAKE MIXES, CANNED FROSTING, & POWDERED SUGAR
SALTINE CRACKERS, PEPPER
VOLUNTEERS, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM, ANY WEEKDAY.

EMERGENCY NIGHT SHELTER, Call Bill Adams, 222-0749

LAUNDRY DETERGENT	DEODORANT, LOTION, TOWELS, WASH CLOTHS
SWEETENED CEREAL	SHAVING CREAM & DISPOSABLE RAZORS
COFFEE, TEA, SUGAR, CREAMER	TOOTH BRUSHES & TOOTH PASTE

VOLUNTEERS, 6:00 - 11:00 PM

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
(12/12)10 MONTHS
CCB General Checking Acct
REPORT DATE: 10/31/1999

ACCOUNT	CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR)	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE	OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR)
INCOME						
TOTAL INCOME	19,759.31	**178,505.88	194,487.50	15,981.62	233,385.00	167,277.99
TOTAL RENTAL INCOME	1,050.00	11,170.00	10,415.00	755.00+	12,498.00	11,425.00
TOTAL OFFICE INCOME	.00	15.00-	.00	15.00	.00	.90
TOTAL SALES TAX REFUND	.00	.00	666.70	666.70	800.00	913.79
TOTAL VBS TUITION & FEES	.00	.00	41.70	41.70	50.00	.00
TOTAL GENERAL REFUNDS	.00	1,287.07	125.00	1,162.07+	150.00	238.55
TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	838.00	4,678.52	.00	4,678.52+	.00	2,630.94
TOTAL Interest	81.54	578.48	500.00	78.48+	600.00	859.73
TOTAL Misc. Income Accts	.00	7,980.01	.00	7,980.01+	.00	.00
TOTAL INCOME	21,728.85	204,184.96	206,235.90	2,050.94	247,483.00	183,345.96
EXPENSES						
TOTAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME	288.00	2,052.00	.00	2,052.00+	.00	1,942.77
TOTAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	1,200.00	2,345.00	2,345.00	.00	3,045.00	1,500.00
TOTAL OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	1,115.00	12,685.00	12,362.00	323.00+	15,424.00	12,550.00
TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSES	64.80	2,746.80	3,001.50	254.70	3,770.00	2,558.84
TOTAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	342.25	8,435.66	2,536.50	5,899.16+	2,800.00	1,107.34
TOTAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES	89.04	371.30	473.50	102.20	550.00	634.83
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP	24.33	2,927.81	6,671.30	3,743.49	7,925.00	4,605.12
TOTAL SALARY EXPENSES	12,385.89	131,730.44	131,032.90	697.54+	157,807.00	112,727.22
TOTAL Facility Operation Exp.	3,599.56	39,613.98	52,235.40	12,621.42	62,270.00	43,548.39
TOTAL Misc Expense Accts	.00	1,145.34	.00	1,145.34+	.00	396.04
TOTAL EXPENSES	19,108.87	204,053.33	210,658.10	6,604.77	253,591.00	181,570.55
NET TOTALS	2,619.98	131.63				1,775.41

PLEASE NOTE

**** Our income figure year to date includes $7,000.00 borrowed from the building fund in the summer months. Income from pledges was $171,505.88.**
Expenses to date were $206,235.00.
Please bring your pledge up to date to help us settle all accounts!
Thank you!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Your help is needed with the preparation of Exam goodie bags for our college students...

1. ***The following contributions are needed by November 21:***

   microwave popcorn
   hard candy
   packets of coffee or hot chocolate mix
   tea bags
   gum
   post-it notes
   postal cards with stamps
   HOMEMADE COOKIES



   no chips please
   contributions may be left in the church office

2. ***Help is needed to assemble the bags on Sunday, November 28 at 3 p.m.***

3. ***Help is needed to deliver the bags on Sunday, November 28 and Monday, November 29.***



Please detach and drop in offering plate on or before Sunday, November 21

Name _____

_____ I will help assemble exam bags

_____ I will help deliver Exam bags

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Merry Christmas
To:

Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

Flowers for DECEMBER
Dec 5 - Mr. and Mrs. James Starr
Dec 14 - Judge and Mrs. Marsh McLelland
Dec 19 - Mrs. Elizabeth Parker
Dec 26 - Dr. and Mrs. Len Norris

Ushers for DECEMBER
Dec 5 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
Dec 14 - Tommy Oakley, Steve Perry, Bill Ruth, Linda Vogg
Dec 19 - Bill Beyer, Joseph Davis, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
Dec 26 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler

Acolytes for DECEMBER
Dec 5 - Jeff Wilkins, III/Zach Welborn
Dec 12 - Leigh Ann Denny/Rebecca Perry
Dec 19 - David Brown/Laura Brown
Dec 26 - Miranda Rich/Nicole Williamson

Greeters for DECEMBER
Dec 5 - John & Ellie Ketcham
Dec 12 - Sara Dodson & Mary Mattern
Dec 19 - Wally & Nell Snyder
Dec 26 - Bill & Shirley Beyer

Bulletin Board Update for DECEMBER
1st Week - Olga Griswold/ Liz Bensen
2nd Week - Fred Grosse
3rd Week - Open
4th Week - Kim Perry

Nursery for DECEMBER
Dec 5 - Susan and Bill Menikheim
Dec 12 - Luci Spivey/Mona Atkinson
Dec 19 - Linda Raker/Beth Flinchum
Dec 26 - Lou Harper/Geoff Bengel

Liturgists for DECEMBER
Dec 5 - Jerry Dillashaw
Dec 12 - David Brown
Dec 19 - Open
Dec 26 - Laura Chatfield

Second Hour Child Care for DECEMBER
Dec 5 - Patsy and Eddie Oliver
Dec 12 - Gayland Welborn/Mark Danieley
Dec 19 - Bill Linde/Katherine Floyd
Dec 26 - Laura Chatfield/Ashton Oliver

Church Attendance for
Oct 31 - 213
Nov 7 - 171
Nov 14 - 145

Just as a reminder....

A new Nursery and Second Hour Child Care schedule will be put together the first of December. If you would like your name removed from either of those lists, please contact Becky or the church office by that time.

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